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Newsline**Waterfront tour this weekend**

ALBANY — The Albany Waterfront Committee is conducting the first of two walking tours of the Albany waterfront this Saturday, Jan. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of the tours is to acquaint residents with the committee's proposal for Albany's portion of the future Eastshore State Park. A second tour will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tours will begin at the fence at the southwest corner of Golden Gate Fields' north parking lot. Heavy rains may cancel the tours. The committee is also holding two public meetings to receive comments and suggestions on its proposal before it is submitted to the City Council. The meetings are scheduled for Thursday Jan. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Albany Library meeting room, 1247 Marin Avenue and Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue. Copies of the proposal can be obtained by calling 528-6250 or dropping by the City Planning Office (100 San Pablo), the Albany Library or the Albany Senior Center. Copies will also be available at the two public meetings. For more information, call Sandra Wake, committee chair, at 528-6250.

Recycling extended

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Recycling Center is extending its Christmas tree recycling program. It will be collecting trees this Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Jan. 14-16) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is believed the recent heavy rains deterred many residents from bringing their tree to the center's drop-off area.

Trees may be brought to the end of Schmidt Lane, the drop-off site located at 7501 Schmidt Lane. The center requests a \$2 donation per tree to help cover the cost of hiring a work crew to chip the trees. Trees for recycling must be free of tinsel, nails and ornaments and no flocked trees will be accepted. Trees will also not be accepted from nonprofit groups collecting trees or from commercial tree lots.

Picture Book Time in El Cerrito

Picture Book Time for preschoolers of ages 3 to 5 is offered on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Library from Jan. 19 to March 9. Registration begins today, Jan. 12. Picture Book Time features stories read aloud, songs and fingerplays. Parents are invited to remain in the library during the sessions, which last about 30 minutes.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. Hours are Monday from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call the library at 526-7512.

Preschool applications available

ALBANY — Applications for Albany Preschool's 95-96 morning cooperative program will be available Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will take place at the preschool, located at 850 Union Avenue. There will be information about the operative morning program, as well as people to answer questions.

Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. The morning preschool program is for children who will be at least 3 years old by Dec. 2, through pre-kindergarten. There is a non-refundable \$25 application fee to be paid at the time of application.

Early application is recommended, as openings are limited. For more information call Lynn Eve Fortin at 8-2346.

Last chance for league sign ups

ALBANY — There are a few openings remaining for players in the Albany Little League. Registration forms may be picked up at the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 1108 Solano Ave. in Albany. Forms must be returned by Saturday, Jan. 28.

Documentation of residence and age is required. Players must live within league boundaries, which encompass south Kensington, north Berkeley, and parts of Albany. They must be at least 7 years old, but older than 15 as of July 31.

Both a registration fee and a refundable work deposit will be charged. For players 7 to 12, the registration fee is \$50; for players over 12, the fee is \$55. The refundable work deposit is \$50 per family.

Players 12 and under play at University Village and Middle School Park in Albany on teams formed by age group and skill level. Older players compete at Memorial Park in Albany.

Play begins in March and continues through June. All-Star teams play in July.

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911 consolidation plan riles Albany officials

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Saying residents will not abide by slower emergency medical response in Albany, city officials this week petitioned Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson to protest a proposed county-wide reorganization of the 911 system.

But county administrators said those concerns were somewhat premature and offered assurances the plan will not have negative impacts on the city.

"Our intent is not to lower service levels but to have a system that works for the entire county," said Diane Akers, provisional director of the Alameda County Emergency Medical Service District.

Anticipating major changes in the nation's health care services, Alameda County supervisors organized a task force group charged with reworking emergency medical services and delivery.

The group, composed of health care providers, ambulance transporters, firefighters, city and county staff, proposed a centralized 911 response model which creates a new first-line distinction between emergency and non-emergency 911 calls.

But Albany Fire Chief Marc McGinn opposes the concept plan, charging that such centralization would up the average response time in Albany from 3 to 4 minutes to 8 to 10 minutes, a change McGinn and others say Albany residents could do without.

"We are under assault from the county," said McGinn last week at the City Council meeting, who added he feels the county is trying to gain control over the city's fire and emergency jurisdiction.

Currently, 911 calls in Albany are fielded by operators and routed through the fire department, who then dispatch a private ambulance transporter to the call location.

Given the size of the community, McGinn said emergency response times are markedly quicker in Albany than in other more densely populated and geographically dispersed areas.

City administrator Darren Fields concurred with the chief's fears, saying "Some of the recommendations made by the task force may have severe and negative implications in Albany."

The task force envisions a 911-type of "triage." According to the report, a number of people call 911 in non-emergency medical situations. The report reads, "Citizens call 911 for everything from a heart attack to requesting a ride to the hospital for a medical appointment."

It is not the idea of a "triage" system that concerns Albany officials, but the accompanying usurpation of city control by the county entity.

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Storms wreak havoc on city streets



Streets, like Moeser Lane and Richmond Street in El Cerrito (above) turned into rushing rivers with continued rainfall this week. Shannon Morgan

Albany escapes major flood damage

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Like many surrounding communities, Albany had its share of chaos and crisis due to the heavy deluge of rains to hit the Bay Area this week.

Though soaked beyond saturation this city, unlike others, was spared any major catastrophes.

Albany Police Sgt. Art

Clemens said the department was inundated with calls Monday afternoon and evening, with a high number of flooded intersections and basements reported.

One east bound lane of Buchanan Street was closed most of the night due to flooding, while Cleveland Avenue from Buchanan Street to

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The storm of
'95

El Cerrito declares state of emergency

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The phones just wouldn't stop ringing at the El Cerrito Police Department Monday afternoon and evening. As the water resulting from continuous rains continued to rise, people were experiencing problems for which they weren't quite prepared. It's not something you see every day in El

Cerrito — cars stalled in pools of rushing water, sandbags stacked along driveways. But the storm that resulted in flood conditions all over the state didn't end up doing too much damage in El Cerrito.

Damage was enough for the City Council to declare a local

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Hundreds apply for jobs at EC Fire Department

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Over 220 would-be firefighters have applied for nine new positions in the El Cerrito Fire Department. By next week, chief Steve Cutright will have chosen the candidates most likely to fill those positions. Whether they are actually hired or not depends on whether the applicants satisfactorily pass a check of their backgrounds, the last step in an established process.

It is customary for a committee of evaluators outside a fire department to be involved in the hiring process in order to encourage objectivity. In El Cerrito's case, Captain Mike Arnold of East Diablo Fire and Battalion Chief Paul McFarland of Richmond Fire had the job of going through all the applications, then narrowing them down to an eligibility list of 120 people, those who met the minimum requirements established by El Cerrito.

At that point, they had to exercise their personal judgement in prioritizing the candidates.

"We told them we wanted to have some appreciation of who their highest recommendations were and who would fall into their lowest (category)," said Cutright. "In a sense, everyone else was in between."

The evaluators were looking for a combination of training, education and experience, weighing (from a somewhat subjective standpoint) who might make the best firefighter in the El Cerrito/Kensington context, he said.

Cutright reviewed applications submitted by everyone in the highly qualified group and also looked "on a spot basis" at applications from the other two groups.

Last week, he interviewed 14 people and selected five for background checks. Next week, he'll conduct another group of interviews and select four more final candidates.

The large increase of fire department personnel results from a new contract with Kensington to provide that town with fire protection services. El Cerrito is already functioning in that role under an interim contract; a long-term contract should be signed by early spring.

At its Jan. 3 meeting, the city council adjusted the 1994-95 budget in order to hire new fire personnel. The budget will increase by \$600,000; ten full-time positions will be added. El Cerrito's expenses should be reimbursed on a month-by-month basis under the contract, unless "a better way" is found, Cutright said.

On Dec. 19, the council authorized city manager Gary Pokorny to execute the interim agreement with the Kensington Fire Protection District. Until additional personnel are hired and trained, El Cerrito is contracting with Contra Costa County for extra firefighters to cover Kensington's service needs. Those firefighters are in fact former employees of Kensington, now employed by the county and assigned to Kensington temporarily.

"At 7:30 a.m. Dec. 31, the Kensington employees transferred to the county fire district," said Cutright. "We've done sort of a 'rent-back' of the Kensington firefighters for about six weeks in order to phase in our firefighters...."

At this point, two of three shifts are now covered by old Kensington employees. "C" shift has two El Cerrito

firefighters and one Kensington firefighter.

"By mid-month, that will change; all the C shift will be El Cerrito employees. By the end of January, A shift will have El Cerrito (firefighters); by mid-February we will have completely changed over."

New El Cerrito employees will have to go through standard department training, which includes becoming familiar with the location of addresses in both El Cerrito and Kensington.

The city council actually authorized the expansion of the fire department by 10 employees. Battalion chief Jim Gazzano has been hired from Kensington.

"We offered all the Kensington employees jobs in El Cerrito," said Cutright. "Then the county offered jobs to all the non-management employees."

When those employees decided to go to the county, he said, El Cerrito retained its offer to Gazzano, who is a management employee. Gazzano will retain his top-step battalion chief salary. His sick leave transferred to El Cerrito; the Kensington fire district "bought out" his accrued vacation. Gazzano is well-known in El Cerrito and familiar with it. As part of the longtime joint operations agreement between El Cerrito and Kensington, he has worked for several years in the city as one of three line battalion chiefs.

The city of El Cerrito expects to agree on a long-term contract this spring with the Kensington Fire Protection District. The contract should call for El Cerrito to provide fire services to Kensington for up to five years. Kensington's fire department has been independent to this point; revenue cutbacks, however, have necessitated a different approach to fire service.

■ Remembering When

By William Paul

The changing tune of a night on the town

It must have been the sound that attracted me into this rather large building where I saw an indiscriminate, indescribable group of Homo sapiens apparently performing some sort of ritual ceremony, accompanied by weird noises being extracted out of long-necked instruments, while gyrating, dipping, waving their arms and wobbling their caboose in a manner similar to those being exhibited by the worshipers.

Using all the insouciance and aplomb I could muster, I turned to a pleasant-looking, but otherwise ordinary individual next to me and asked what this group might be celebrating. "Oh, they're just enjoying themselves," says he.

"Well, is this any special occasion?" I asked, and he assured me no — then, "They're just dancing because ..." "They're what!" says I.

But thinking about it a bit, it helped explain something one of my kids had said shortly before. He had just come home from a dance held at his high school and told what a good time he'd had. Knowing that he didn't know how to dance and had not accompanied a girl to the party, I asked whom he had danced with. "Oh," says he, "I just danced with myself." I didn't pursue the matter any farther — I guess I didn't want to know what his answer would be.

But now I knew what he was talking about.

Starting in the fourth grade in public school, I had been taught

the minuet, Virginia reel, and several other folk dances; later, in Dancing School came the waltz, fox-trot, and, later yet, the Charleston, varsity drag, etc. I was no stranger to dancing even though I played for many more than I attended. (I owned a set of drums.)

Back then, you always took a girl — either singly or with a crowd, somewhere to dance. Together, that is. You could go to a private party, to a hotel where they had a band, or to a public ballroom or a night club where they served refreshments (of one kind or another).

Most of these places were respectable — i.e., you could take a respectable girl. I remember Sweet's Ballroom in Oakland — quite respectable — and The Alabam near Hayward — fairly respectable, but you wouldn't take your partner there and then take her home to meet Mother.

Of course there were some like The Washington Sycamores, near Niles, where I played for two nights and the guy who drove us down there assured us that if things got rough he'd look after us. Then he opened up his coat and showed us a Colt .45 in his holster.

I also played in some respectable places, too. But these were during the days of Prohibition, and, believe it or not, I didn't drink, but an offer of \$10 a night for 17 nights would pay a lot toward my college costs, even though the

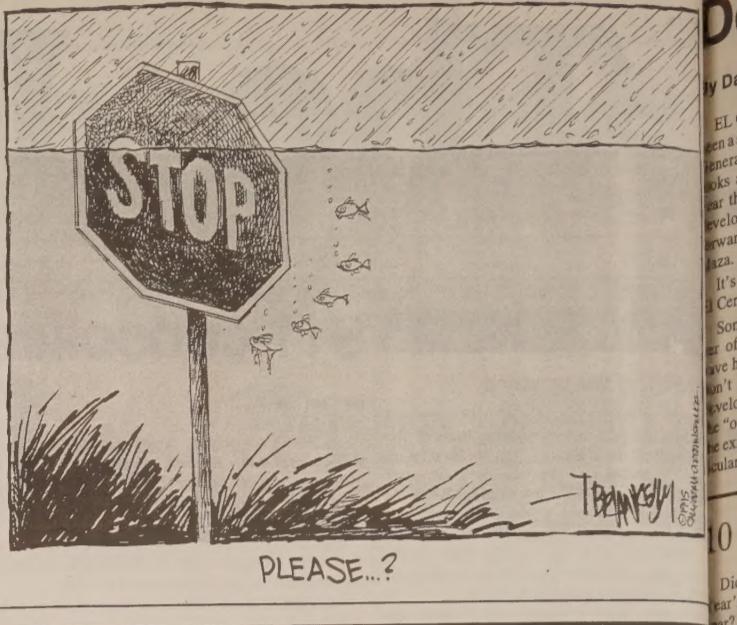
hours were from about 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., one night a week. After the second night we got fired, luckily.

But what I'm pointing out here is that in those days you took a girl to dance with you, which involved staying rather close together, performing pretty much the same steps at the same time, hopefully in time to the music.

Then, depending on what you had told your partner's dad what your eventual relationship might be with his daughter — if you had any and he had asked — you might get your right arm around most of her waist, and, depending on different circumstances, your cheeks might touch each other if the steps you were endeavoring to navigate weren't too complex. Now that's dancing, friends.

Some of the best dancers in the business were the girls who worked at the Dime Jigs, where you didn't take a girl with you but bought tickets at 10 cents each, handed them to a girl and danced with her. Ten tickets got you 10 dances of maybe two minutes each. But those gals were good, good, good — they'd follow you right out the window if that's where you led them. But they wouldn't follow you home — like a lot of guys hoped they would.

The only objection there was to the Dime Jig was that the thing any of the girls said first when you handed her the tickets was "What's a nice guy like you doing in a place like this?"



■ Police Reports

Teenage robbery suspects arrested in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — It was previously reported in this column that on the afternoon of Dec. 22 a 15-year-old Albany boy was attacked at MacGregor School (it should have said Albany Middle School) by two subjects who demanded his bike. He was grabbed from behind by one attacker and punched in the face by the other and his bike was taken.

On the morning of Jan. 4 Albany officers arrested a 14-year-old Albany resident for his participation in the strong arm robbery. He was released to his father with a notice to appear. In the afternoon of the same day a 14-year-old Oakland boy was also arrested for participating in the robbery and released to his parents with a notice to appear. Officers recovered the bike from the possession of the Oakland boy and returned it to the Albany boy.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 Albany officers responded to a call from a resident on the 1000 block of Nielson Avenue requesting assistance in terminating a party that had gotten out of con-

trol at her house. They also received numerous calls from neighbors complaining about noise and drinking from the party. Officers found about 50 juveniles who had various containers of alcoholic beverages. The party was stopped and the juveniles were sent home. All alcoholic beverages were confiscated and dumped.

Unknown thieves broke into a locked laundry room at an apartment complex on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue and cut the conduit power line of the water heater taking a pink Huffy Freespirit mountain bike that was secured with a kryptonite lock between 10 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 7:45 a.m. on Jan. 1. There were no witnesses.

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Between 8 p.m. on Dec. 30 and 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 2 unknown vandals smashed the left rear window of a white 1989 Mazda belonging to a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue. Since the window shattered but did not break out they were unable to gain

entry and departed unscathed.

A resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported he and his roommate left his apartment on Dec. 27 and when he returned on Jan. 2 he discovered that his roommate's bronze-colored speed mountain bike, which he had been chained to the balcony railing, was missing. His room key was not due to return until Feb. 1. Upon investigation officers learned that a neighbor had seen the suspect hopping on his bicycle towards Cougar Field early on December 27. No further information is available.

Between 1 p.m. and 2:45 a.m. on Jan. 3 unknown thieves smashed the driver's side window of a car belonging to a Richmond man while it was parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. They prodded the interior and money and departed unscathed.

On the afternoon of Jan. 4, two juveniles approached a year-old Albany boy while he was riding his bike on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue. One of the attackers demanded he give his bike and pushed him to the ground.

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Gunman steals Christmas presents then flees

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An unidentified male suspect confronted a Lexington Avenue resident at the front door of her residence, demanding entry at gunpoint. The man stole Christmas presents from the home before fleeing.

A 20-year-old victim reported being hit and kicked by a group of four male and two female juveniles at 7 p.m. Dec. 27 while walking on the sidewalk at Fairmount and Lexington.

Two male suspects approached their victim in a parking lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue Dec. 30 and demanded her purse, brandishing a handgun. The two fled on bikes; the incident occurred at about 7:40 p.m.

A juvenile suspect confronted his victim in the 700 block of Richmond Street at about 12 noon Dec. 27. The suspect had a handgun; a struggle ensued in which the suspect hit the victim with a wine bottle.

A male suspect grabbed a purse off a woman's shoulder in the lot at Target Dec. 24 between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

A Richmond man was arrested for allegedly pulling a knife and taking a swipe at a staff member's head at D's Bottle Shop Dec. 31.

Someone stole the Salvation Army coin kettle from Payless sometime before Dec. 23.

Two juveniles suspects were accused of simple battery on the afternoon of Dec. 13.

Someone used a glass cutter to break a window at Jensen's Law Offices during the night of Dec. 29, then reached in to attempt to unlock the window. The window was padlocked, however, and entry was unsuccessful.

Someone disconnected and stole a surveillance camera from the Travelodge at about 6:20 a.m. Dec. 24.

A residential burglary was

reported in the 800 block of Arlington Boulevard during the daytime Dec. 23. Electronic items and jewelry were taken. The burglar entered through a bathroom window and conducted a neat search of the home.

Someone took a 1984 Toyota Camry from the 2500 block of Tamalpais Avenue between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dec. 23. The car was later recovered.

During the night of Dec. 27, someone forced entry into a 1984 Toyota Camry in the 2300 block of Tamalpais. The would-be burglar pried the steering column but was unsuccessful in stealing the car.

A 1982 Cadillac Cimarron was stolen from the 1200 block of Navellier during the night of Dec. 24 but was later recovered. A 1984 Mazda pickup truck was taken from Peerless and Cutting during the daytime Dec. 30.

A vehicle was also reported missing from Randy's Auto Body shop. It was taken sometime between Aug. 15 and Nov. 1.

Property was stolen from a motor home parked in a driveway on Potrero Avenue sometime during December.

Other property thefts from vehicles were reported in the 2100 block of Junction during the daytime Dec. 31 (pullout stereo taken), the 800 block of Kearny between Dec. 25 and 29 (property taken from trunk), the 2600 block of Yuba Avenue during the night of Dec. 25 (cellular phone), at Pastime Hardware or Home Depot on the afternoon of Dec. 29 (tools taken from pickup truck bed), the 6400 block of Conlon Avenue on the afternoon of Dec. 28 (ransack), the lot at Target on the afternoon of Dec. 29 (tools), and the 5800 block of El Dorado Street during the night of Dec. 28 (license plates).

A bike was taken from an apartment carport area in the 3400

block of Yosemite between 20 and 24.

Several acts of vandalism reported.

Someone used a BB gun to break residential windows in the 7300 block of Rockway Avenue (between Dec. 25 and 27), the 3400 block of Yosemite Avenue at 7:58 p.m. Dec. 23. A rock was thrown through a window in the 1400 block of Norwell Street on the evening of Dec. 23; two rocks broke a dental window in the 1400 block of Everett in another act of vandalism.

A rock was thrown through a bedroom window in the 2100 block of Portola Avenue on the afternoon of Dec. 23.

The same day, graffiti was painted at Hardings School.

An Oakland man was arrested for allegedly using gummed coins to buy coins from a news machine at 12:57 a.m. Dec. 26.

A San Pablo man was arrested for driving under the influence on Central Avenue and Carlson Levard at 2:15 a.m. Dec. 26.

Two Sacramento residents were arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Waldo at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 23 for possession of methamphetamine.

A Richmond man was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at San Pablo and 11th Avenues at 11 a.m. Jan. 2.

A Richmond resident was arrested for attempting to evade police stopping him for a traffic violation and giving a false identification to the officer. The incident occurred at Imperials Carlson Dec. 21 at 12:45 a.m.

Shoplifting arrests were made at Target (an El Cerrito woman) and a Richmond female juvenile. Lucky at El Cerrito Plaza (male), Lucky on San Pablo Avenue (a Richmond woman), the Emporium (a Kensington juvenile) and an Oakland

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Freedom shrine dedicated at Albany High

ALBANY — Albany High School became the proud home a testament to history Tuesday when the Exchange Club of Albany and El Cerrito dedicated Freedom Shrine to adorn school school assembly.

The shrine, consisting of 28 pieces of history authentically produced — including the Mayflower Compact (1620), the Declaration of Independence

(1776), the Gettysburg Address (1863) and the Kennedy Inaugural speech (1961) to name a few — was dedicated during an afternoon school assembly.

"One thing we stand for more than anything else is the young people of our nation. I think Albany High School is exceptional in calling this assembly and that the young people are here," former exchange club president Chris Christian said.

Plaza development process debated

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — While the establishment of a mixed use development on BART property may be a given for the majority of the council, the process of deciding exactly what the development will look like has yet to be decided.

Cities vary in their approach to community land use planning. The city of Emeryville, for example, involves its citizens at a number of levels.

For many projects, the city's housing committee or public facilities committee is involved. These and other project committees (such as the San Pablo Avenue Revitalization Committee), are composed of a mix of members: residents, business and property owners, planning commission members, city council or redevelopment agency representatives, paid city staff.

The committees sometimes interview architects who have responded or review designs submitted, narrowing down choices to a short list, with priority ratings. The city council makes the final decision.

"We've found it's a good way to get an early look at how the community feels," said Gerber. "Some cities just choose to hire an architect to design something. The project can be well on its way or almost to the construction stage before there's much public input."

"This (method) helps to build a See PROCESS, page 16

By Fern Luoma

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Beringer Cabernet K.V.	9.74	Longs	12.99	Bacardi Light Rum 1.75l.....	14.77	SafeWay	17.99
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Francis Cabernet.....	11.95	value	13.00	Beefeater Gin 1.75l.....	19.95	Longs	24.99
Acacia Caviste Zinfandel.....	7.98	value	10.00	Wolfshmidt Vodka 1.75l.....	9.98	SafeWay	12.88
Mondavi Woodbridge Zin.....	3.95	Lucky	5.88	Skyy Vodka 750ml.....	10.95	value	13.00
Fetzer Eagle Peak Merlot.....	5.99	Cost Plus	7.99	Absolut Citron Vodka 750ml.....	13.99	SafeWay	16.88
Parducci Merlot.....	5.98	value	7.00	E & J Brandy 1.75l.....	12.97	Longs	14.99
Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir.....	10.99	SafeWay	12.88	Courvoisier V.S. Cognac 750ml	17.99	Lucky	19.98
Meridian Sauvignon Blanc.....	5.76	Cost Plus	5.99	Remy V.S.O.P. Cognac 750ml.....	27.87	SafeWay	29.88
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Billecart-Salmon Brut.....	14.99	value	18.00				
Domaine Chandon Blanc de Noirs	19.99	value	27.00				
Georges Dubay French Sparkling	3.99	value	6.00				
Quady Elysium 375ml.....	5.99	value	8.00				
Dry Sack Sherry.....	9.75	Longs	10.99				
Sandeman Founders Res. Port.....	12.99	Lucky	15.69				
Warres Warrior Port.....	9.77	value	12.00				
Mouton Cadet Red.....	5.99	SafeWay	7.88				
Rosemount Shiraz.....	6.97	Lucky	9.88				
Barbi Orvieto.....	4.99	SafeWay	5.88				
Marquis de Caceres Rioja.....	6.67	value	8.00				
Glen Ellen Cabernet 1.5L.....	7.97	Lucky	8.88				
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Plaza development process debated

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — While the establishment of a mixed use development on BART property may be a given for the majority of the council, the process of deciding exactly what the development will look like has yet to be decided.

Cities vary in their approach to community land use planning. The city of Emeryville, for example, involves its citizens at a number of levels.

For many projects, the city's housing committee or public facilities committee is involved. These and other project committees (such as the San Pablo Avenue Revitalization Committee), are composed of a mix of members: residents, business and property owners, planning commission members, city council or redevelopment agency representatives, paid city staff.

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"We've found it's a good way to get an early look at how the community feels," said Gerber. "Some cities just choose to hire an architect to design something. The project can be well on its way or almost to the construction stage before there's much public input."

"This (method) helps to build a See PROCESS, page 16

Albany Chamber of Commerce

Newest member paints the town

musician and artist with unlimited talents, Graham Bruce recently finished copies of his cartoon map featuring 91 businesses in the Albany area who were participants in the financial backing of the map.

The map, "Solano Avenue Stroll Scroll," is 2' by 18" and features recognizable faces such as Bernie Schatz from Foam Creations, Don Dennis and Joyce Genger of TravelCenter Tours & Travel, Bimmy Rode of Albany Florist and Gifts, Chelsey Buis of Chelsey's Treasures, Christine Forristall of The Mechanics Bank, Pat Gillaspy and Sylvia Tedesco of The Avenue Travel and of course the Cookie from The Nutty Cookie.

The Chamber of Commerce is selling its limited supply for \$2 each.

Basically a musician, Bruce's schooling includes Boston's Berklee School of Music and the Rhode Island School of Design. Since his arrival in California, he has performed in Japan and recorded original tunes with prominent local musicians Mark Levine, Donald Baily and Bruce Forman. Bruce plays the trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn and acoustic bass.

After a year of professional music, Bruce decided to broaden his abilities in the fashion of the "true Aquarian Renaissance Man" and enrolled in electronics school. His subsequent experiences in that field now include development of the Aurora 280

Superpaint System, assistance with the hardware and documentation for the Keck Telescope used recently to capture the action on Jupiter. Also with the production and New York installation of video networking hardware for the visionary Group of Palo Alto.

It was during his electronics schooling in the mid-1980's that Bruce was enlisted to do the artwork for a couple of area cartoon maps in San Francisco. Castro and Polk streets were his first maps. Then in the early 90's, while commuting between Berkeley's Space Science Laboratory and Richmond and frequenting Solano Avenue, he became aware of the need for a cartoon map for this area.

"My goal in this product is to help visitors locate the various places of interest with a somewhat humorous approach," he said.

The new "Stroll Scroll" maps are available at the 91 places of business.

With any spare time, Bruce usually pursues music in various forms including electronics sequences.

Albany Lions Crab feed

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office for the Albany Lions Club All You Can Eat Crab Feed to be held Friday, Jan. 27 at the Veterans Memorial Building. The price remains the same at \$20 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a raffle. According to dinner chairman Elwood Bridges, this is usually a 'sold out' event so advises to get dinner tickets early. Phone 525-1771 for information and tickets.

Graham Bruce

Albany Video Service recently opened a new office located at 833 E San Pablo Avenue. Owner Allen Cain and staff service all video equipment with a home pick-up and delivery and a fast turnaround. His phone number is 524-4447.

Albany Christmas '94 winners

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A yearly exam and vaccination are probably the most important steps a pet owner can take to maintain a healthy and happy pet.

Pets of the Week



Lots of puppies this week, but our photographer was taken with the slightly older (but not full-grown) female mixed breed shown above; she's docile and friendly. The tom cat is drop-dead gorgeous; beautifully kept fluffy hair, prettier than his picture. If you want to adopt an animal that isn't available yet, tell the shelter staff that you want to fill out a card expressing your interest. The Oakland Animal Shelter, 3065 Ford St., is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Take the Fruitvale exit from I-880, South. From I-880 North, take the 29th Avenue exit, and take E. Ninth Street back to Fruitvale. There is a low-cost inoculation clinic from noon to 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month.

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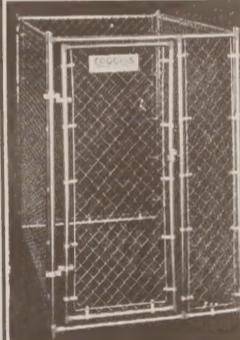
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SPORTS

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In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Jo mud inside

Wring me out — this rain is

getting depressing.

Soccer coaches were shaking

their heads and sponging off

their phone lists trying to

schedule games this week for

metime when the fields are a

little drier — like June.

Fortunately for Berkeley that

artificial turf that so many

people hate is the only field

that doesn't look like the

Louisiana swamps.

El Cerrito High is a virtual

messy, with water-filled holes

in mud thick enough to render

feet as mud clogs. St. Mary's

rained out last week and

St. Mary's Cougar Field is wet

then it's warm, let alone this

time of year.

It's a good time to sit indoors

and watch basketball, and last

Monday was a good night, even

without loss, for St. Mary's against

St. Joseph.

The Panthers lost the game,

but came out feeling like win-

ers. Any team that can "hang"

with the Pilots has got to feel

good. And don't be surprised if

the demoted Panthers (they are

in Division IV this season

when from Division I) go on to

a few teams that thought they would win.

St. Mary's coach Restelli

own liked the way his team

played in that St. Joseph game,

his comment that the players

seemed to be having fun could

make the Panthers even more

dangerous.

There is nothing quite as

dangerous as a team that has

no talent and almost no

expectations and is having a

good time. The Panthers have

nothing to lose this season, and

most of teams may be penciling

wins before them. Bad idea.

Berkeley is another team that

will use the underdog status to

in some games and make it

to the NCS Division I boys'

playoffs this season.

The Yellowjackets lost to De

Salle the other night in a

game they could have, maybe

they should have won. Berkeley

has more talent than De La

Salle, but the team has gone

through so many changes since

the start of the season that

things are not quite in sync.

What was a good sign was the

cheer the players gave in the

locker room after the loss. They

had every reason to be down,

but instead looked at the posi-

tive side of the game. They have

the ability to beat the Spartans

next time they even might.

With St. Mary's going down

Division IV, there are only

out nine North Coast Section

teams left, and Berkeley

could be able to get back to the

playoffs.

In girls' hoops Berkeley is off

a 14-1 record. If everyone

stays healthy and improves, this

team has State Cham-

ship all over it.

There isn't a player on the

team who doesn't contribute and

anyone will tell you, a good

team involved in backing up a

strong starting squad is the

secret to success.

Berkeley's defense shut De

Salle down to 15 points in

three quarters. The Cougars

were about even with most of the

other teams in the area. That puts

Berkeley ahead of many of the

teams and there are no better

vision I teams in Northern

California. The Jackets should

be in the Bay Valley Athletic

League and have no problem

making the NCS title for a trip to

orCal. The team must keep its

head out of the clouds, however,

and stick to fundamental basket-

ball if it plans to go any further.

Berkeley the BVAL team to beat

Defense shuts down defending league champs

By Peter Mentor

Nothing is sweeter than beating the top team in the league, unless you are the top team in the league beating the closest opponent in front of a huge crowd at your opponents' home gym.

Berkeley knocked off Carondelet 51-34 in its Bay Val-

ley Athletic League opener to take a giant step toward winning the BVAL this season.

Carondelet won the league last year, pulling the title out of the grips of the Yellowjackets after its four-year stay in Berkeley.

This year Berkeley holds the edge early and the next meeting of these teams in Berkeley on Feb. 1 starts the second half of the season.

Berkeley, playing in front of a large crowd that came to see the retirement of former Cougar player Lexy Tamony's number,

got off to a slow start offensively in a 7-6 first quarter.

The Jackets took the Cougars and the crowd out of the game with a ferocious defense that held Carondelet to just 10 points in the first half.

Berkeley was up by 14 points at halftime and the Jackets led 37-15 after three quarters, holding Carondelet to 6 or fewer points in each of those three periods.

Carondelet used a 19-15 scoring edge in the fourth quarter to cut into the lead, but it was nothing for Berkeley to worry about in

this lopsided victory.

"We just played fantastic defense," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura.

"It was probably the best defense in a half I've ever seen one of my teams play. We used the zone press, went to man-to-man and then used full-court man pressure. We made them force just about every shot."

Nakamura said his game plan was to make Carondelet players shoot from where they were uncomfortable by moving into their

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Number play: Jackets get state ranking

State girls' basketball rankings are out, and Berkeley is rated 18th overall and 10th among the Division I teams in the state and seventh overall against NorCal teams.

Those are decent rankings, except the Yellowjackets are placed below Campolindo at 13th overall,

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Panthers hang with the Pilots



St. Mary's Mike Dade goes up and over a teammate and a pair of Pilots to snag a rebound

But powerhouse team claims victory

By Scott Kaplan

If the St. Mary's High basketball season turns out to be a success, many will no doubt point to last Monday's 71-65 loss to powerhouse St. Joseph as the turning point.

In a non-league match-up pitting the two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League foes, the visiting Panthers put together a game effort after getting off to an ominous start in which they trailed 16-1.

St. Mary's (5-10 overall, 0-

'We hung with these guys ...we can hang with anybody'

—MIKE DADE, ST. MARY'S

1 in the ACCAL) struggled in pre-season, and the Panthers lost their league opener last Friday to St. Elizabeth.

However, the Panthers' ability to play with a team of the caliber

St. Joseph, ranked seventh in Northern California, has to be a major morale booster.

"We hung with these guys (the Pilots), and they're supposed to be all good, which says we can hang with anybody," said St. Mary's forward Mike Dade, who scored 11 points and pulled 11 rebounds.

"We can do anything as long as we work hard."

In a losing cause St. Mary's senior guard Jeff Addiego had

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Soccer Roundup

BERKELEY BOYS

Berkeley boys' soccer was able to get a game in between the rain storms against De La Salle, but the outcome was a soggy 2-1 loss on the plastic turf field at Berkeley last Thursday.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie through the first half, but De La Salle's Rob Della Santina scored three minutes into the second half for the 1-0 lead.

That scored remained firm for another nine minutes of play until Della Santina scored again for the 2-0 Spartan lead.

Berkeley finally found the net

two minutes later as Oscar Larson popped a shot past De La Salle keeper Adrian Brown, cutting the lead in half. Remy Tenant got an assist on the play.

The Jackets played harder in the second half, but could not get the equalizer and fell to 0-3-3 overall, 0-1-1 in the Bay Valley Athletic League.

De La Salle climbed to 6-4 overall and is undefeated at 2-0 in the BVAL.

Berkeley goalie Ryan Gates had nine saves in the match and jacket defender John McClung saved a goal in the first half.

By Peter Mentor

BERKELEY GIRLS

Berkeley had a 1-0 lead in the first half against Carondelet, but the Cougars scored twice in the second half to take away the 2-1 BVAL win last Friday in Concord.

"We were ahead 1-0 at half-time and we tried to hang on," said Berkeley coach Karen Huether. "It was a really great game."

Berkeley had a bye day Tuesday and was scheduled to play at home against Liberty Friday afternoon at 3:30.

Cougars to a 52-51 loss.

That ending took away what had been a nice comeback for Albany and dropped the Cougars to 4-4 overall, 0-1 in the ACCAL.

Salesian climbed to 1-10 overall, 1-1 in league to tie for first place with six other teams in the ACCAL.

"I blew it," said Albany coach David De Hart. "I let them drive the baseline and throw up the ball."

De Hart didn't play, but he felt it was his fault that he didn't tell his players to press on defense on the final drive.

Albany didn't press at the start of the game, and Salesian put together a 20-9 run in the second

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Panthers

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a fine game, scoring 19 points while dishing out four assists.

Fellow Panther guard Nate Fripp added 17 points, while sophomore center Brenden Cook pulled nine rebounds. Cook and Sam Sims pitched in with 6 points each.

St. Mary's took its first lead of the game at 31-30 in the opening minute of the second half.

Quickly the Pilots regained the advantage, though a precarious one at 41-40, before they went on a 10-2 run over the next minute and half to take control of contest.

St. Joseph led 55-47 entering the fourth.

While the Panthers narrowed things at 57-55 midway through the final period, the Pilots pulled away, leading by as many as 9 points before St. Mary's cut into the final margin.

"What we're trying to do is grow this team for the playoffs, and they're starting make some progress," said Panther coach Restelli Brown. "It's starting to come together. They're starting to feel each other out, they're moving the ball well, and they're starting to show some enthusiasm."

"But I think more importantly

they're enjoying what they're doing, and I could see that in their play tonight."

The Panthers assuredly weren't feeling too jolly early as they fell behind 18-8 after one quarter.

Behind the strength of a swarming full-court press St. Joseph forced 15 Panther turnovers in the first half.

St. Mary's responded after the Pilots called off the press, outscoring the hosts 19-12 in the second quarter.

For the Pilots, junior guard Tyman Small scored a game-high 22 points. Freshman Ray Young added 11 points, while sophomores Jules Milstead and Joe Barker had 9.

Although this was a game between two league opponents, it does not count in the ACCAL standings and should be viewed as just another non-league game.

St. Mary's does play St. Joseph in a regularly scheduled league match at home Jan. 27, the midpoint of the league season.

The Panthers were scheduled to resume league play at Salesian Wednesday night and they play at home against Bishop O'Dowd this Friday (7 p.m. tipoff) before heading to Albany Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

just 6 points at halftime.

Forrest finished with 19, but most of the damage he did occurred in garbage time. Bryan Saalfeld added 9 points for the Scots and forward Garrett Roll pitched in 8 points.

The loss for Piedmont drops the Scots to 7-6 overall, 0-1 in the ACCAL. Last year Piedmont went 19-8 before dropping back-to-back 1-point affairs to Albany and Fortuna in the ACCAL and NCS playoffs.

El Cerrito is back in league action tomorrow versus Encinal High of Alameda. Game time Friday in Alameda is 7 p.m. The Gauchos played this past Tuesday at Richmond.

Anemic 15-for-29 from the line.

Albany is in for tough times ahead in the near future. The Cougars used a defensive press in the second half and were able to cut the lead to 4 by the fourth quarter.

Salesian

lost three starters in

the

quarter

to foul trouble

and their exit cut out a third of the Chieftains' scoring potential.

Albany chipped away at the lead, and the Cougars were finally able to go ahead on a steal and a basket.

It looked like the Cougars

would come out with the victory,

but Adono, who paced the Chieftain offense by scoring 20 points, was able to find a gap on the baseline and score the game-winner as time expired.

The loss spoiled a good scoring

night for Veronica Cursch, who shared game-high scoring honors with Adono at 20 points, while Jessie Wofsy scored 11 points in the loss.

Albany may have lost at the

buzzer, but better free throw shooting could have prevented such a close game. The Cougars shot an

Beat

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positions before they could set up.

"We wanted to make their girls go to a different spot," said Nakamura. "We wanted to beat them to their low post."

Maruwa Ngumezi was glued to 6-2 Carondelet center Jaclyn Menton, shadowing her every move and making those moves even before Menton could.

When Ngumezi picked up some fouls along with Kym Ford and the two had to sit through much of the second quarter, Nakamura was able to bring in his bench, and there was never a drop in the consistency of play by the Jackets.

In came Zoee Bartholomew, Ryaja Johnson, Deonna Sayles and 6-2 sophomore Shavaki Jackson, who took Ngumezi's place putting a wrench in Menton's offensive motor.

While the Cougars' offense was stalled like a big storm off the coast, Berkeley was raining in points from all over the court.

The Jackets had even scoring led by Jennifer DeBellis' 14 points and 10 points each from Tiffany Green and Tejuanya Tolbert.

Tolbert did a great job contain-

ing Cougar shooter Amy McClure, who scored only four field goals and got the rest of her game-high 17 points from the free throw line.

Ngumezi crashed the boards for 11 rebounds and tossed in 6 points, while Green dished five assists and had three steals in this walk-over.

The high moment on offense came on an incredible shot by Green that finally put a spark in the almost silent gym.

Carondelet's gymnasium was filled to capacity with the retirement of former player Lexi Tamony's number, and the huge deficit silenced the mostly hometown crowd.

Green stole the ball and went in for a lay-up, but was being blocked from the basket by a Cougar defender.

Instead of going in for the foul, Green went behind her back with the ball and laid it into the net. The crowd went crazy.

"At halftime it was like a funeral," said Nakamura.

Berkeley raised its record to 14-1 overall, 1-0 in the BVAL, while Carondelet dipped to 10-3 overall, 0-1 in league.



Berkeley's Tiffany Green is an example of effort that led to a 14-1 record.

Gauchos

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22-6 lead after a quarter. In the second quarter Piedmont narrowed its deficit to 12, but an 11-3 run by the Gauchos gave El Cerrito a decisive 20-point half-time lead.

"It was a good team effort, everybody played well today," said Raymond King. "If we play hard and blow everybody out, hopefully that will prepare us for the two tough teams in league (St. Joseph and O'Dowd.)"

Although he scored just 6 points, Davis had a fine game on the defensive end. The 6-foot-7 Davis matched up against Piedmont's all-ACCAL center Eric Forrest and held the junior to

Rankings

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first among Division IV teams in the state and fifth in Northern California.

Of course, those rankings are done by writers in Southern California who haven't seen these teams play, and even the local papers have not given Berkeley much respect.

While these two teams don't play each other, they do have a common opponent in Carondelet.

Carondelet's first loss was by 9 points to Campolindo. Then the Cougars dropped a pair of games to Moreau Catholic (by 6) and Bishop O'Dowd (by 8) at O'Dowd's Hilltop Classic near the end of the presaison.

Berkeley beat Carondelet by 17 points, and the Jackets' only loss came against De Anza, which definitely knocked Berkeley down a notch.

That's why Nakamura had his team busing even harder in practice this week, getting ready for the game Wednesday against Liberty and the upcoming home games against Antioch Friday and Pittsburg on Tuesday.

Nakamura was playing with a team in chaos, and since then De Anza has a 2-point win over O'Dowd.

Campolindo lost to a state titlist in Delaware, which gives them the edge in poll voting.

Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura is hoping his team does not get cocky from the record or the rankings, because it means little to him as far as making it to the CIF State Championship.

In the 1989-90 season his Jacket team went 31-2, including a loss in the title game to Morningside. The year before, with a 30-2 record, the Jackets beat the same team in the finals.

That's why Nakamura had his team busing even harder in practice this week, getting ready for the game Wednesday against Liberty and the upcoming home games against Antioch Friday and Pittsburg on Tuesday.

"We need to improve a lot,"

said Nakamura. "I really got on them about riding on our laurels. I see Pittsburg and Antioch as pos-

sible threats. I thought the next serious threat would be Carondelet, and they still might be."

Jackets

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behind them. "I told my kids it's been a hard season, but don't get down," said Gossett. "It's the first game of the league and we're just trying to keep everybody up. It's a young season and everybody we've played, they are somebody." It definitely hurts Berkeley's chances of winning the BVAL this season, especially since the Jackets will have to play at De La Salle in the second meeting between the teams.

This game showed Berkeley has a lot of heart and some talent to stay in the game, although either team could have won this one. The first half was marked by

three distinct runs, two from La Salle to start and end the quarter and one by Berkeley to pull close in the middle.

The Spartans finished the half with a 7-0 run to regain lead at 23-19 going into the fourth quarter.

De La Salle led for most of the third quarter, but Berkeley had its own 8-0 run to go up 33-30 going into the fourth quarter.

Berkeley was scheduled to play Liberty Tuesday. The Jackets had their first BVAL road game at Antioch Friday at 7 p.m.

Next Tuesday Berkeley goes to Pittsburg, then comes home following Friday against Pinole Valley.

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East Bay Events This Week



Ron Anderson, left, plays an architect whose life is disrupted by an unending visit from a nerdy friend to whom he has given his life, in 'The Nerd.' **Eileen Smith**, right, is also featured in the play, which opens Friday at CCCT.

CCCT presents 'The Nerd'

Larry Cubert begins its run of **Larry Cubert's comedy 'The Nerd.'** Architect Willum Cubert (**Ron Anderson**) has his life to a former GI buddy. But when the buddy (**Richard P. Krieger**) arrives for an indefinite stay and turns out to be socially inept, intelligent and tactless, Cubert finds himself contemplating violence. The cast also includes **Ev Alexander, Sam Black, Michael Clark, Dory Ehrlich, George Moffatt** and **Eileen Smith**. **Betsy Ringer** directs.

The Nerd will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 25, Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Feb. 5, 12 and 19. All performances at the CCCT theater, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$10 (youth). Call 524-9132 for reservations.

Cantatas from American Bach Soloists

Jeffrey Thomas conducts the **American Bach Soloists Choir** three of the best-loved cantatas of J.S. Bach—"Ein feste Burg" (A Mighty Fortress), "Jesu, der du meine Seele" (Jesus, who has brought soul to freedom) and "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (Sleepers awake)—as well as his Orchestral Suite No. 1 in C Major. Soloists in cantatas are soprano **Catherine Bott**, counter-tenor **Daniel Taynor**, tenor **Jeffrey Thomas** and bass **William Sharp**. The program is presented three times (Jan. 13 to 15) but only once in the East Bay—at 8 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, Dana at Duran, Berkeley. Tickets are \$16 to \$30. Call (415) 435-5235 for reservations. For details about the other performances, which take place in Redwood City and San Francisco.

Chamber Music Sundae offers Brahms

The Chamber Music Sundae series, which consists of concerts performed in the East Bay by a changing cast of members of the San Francisco Symphony, presents a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. The program consists of Brahms' Bassoon Sonata with bassoonist **Steven Paulson**, the premiere of **Bernard Rindel's** Concert Sonata and Brahms' Piano Quartet in A major. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$13 (\$10 seniors/students). Call (415) 584-5946 for reservations or more details.

Bobbe Norris and Larry Dunlap come to the Maybeck

Vocalist **Bobbe Norris** will be joined by pianist **Larry Dunlap** for a recital at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall. Bobbe's understated, natural style is underscored by the swing and harmonic inflection, which have supported Mark Murphy, Cleo Laine and many others."

Tickets are \$20. Reservations required; call 848-3228. The hall is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

Kronos Quartet plays at Kimball's

The **Kronos Quartet**, the string quartet that has devoted itself to performances of the newest and most innovative music, comes to Kimball's East this weekend. The program consists entirely of works written for the ensemble—David Sheinfeld's String Quartet No. 2, Ken Bent's *Sorrow's Shadows*, Elliot Carter's *Fragment*, Peter Sculthorpe's *Ubirr*, Philip Glass' Quartet No. 5 and Franghiz Ali-Zadeh's *gamel Sayagi*. The quartet will give performances at both 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at Kimball's, which is at 5800 Almond St., Emeryville. Admission is \$18. Call 658-2555 for reservations.

Renaissance music for mid-winter

Hausmusik, an early-music ensemble, presents "Twelfth Night," a blend of medieval, Renaissance and traditional music for mid-winter in the British Isles and colonial America. The performers are **Elisa Engan**, soprano; **Neal Rogers**, tenor; **Eileen Hadidian**, oboe and flute; **Shira Kammen**, violin, vielle and harp; **Julie Jeffery**, viola da gamba; and **David Morris**, viola da gamba and guitar. The performance is at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (near Solano and Santa Fe), Albany. Tickets are \$16 (\$14 seniors/students/Albany residents), which includes refreshments. Reservations are suggested. Call 524-5661 for reservations or for more details.

More events

'Last of the Suns'—When generations and cultures clash

Alice Tuan's new play intertwines symbols with comic types

By Don McConnell

Watching *The Last of the Suns*, the Alice Tuan play being presented by Berkeley Repertory Theatre, I was struck by the endurance of that most American of genres, the assimilation drama.

A generation ago, it told the story of children growing up in America with parents shaped by the hardships of Eastern Europe (with a subcategory, dominated by *The Godfather*, for parents from Italy).

As the body of Chinese-American literature grows larger and richer, it sometimes seems that assimilation is its only subject. Within a year, the Rep has given us two plays that explore conflicts between Chinese-born parents and California-born children.

Stage

The parallels between *Woman Warrior* (an adaptation of two Maxine Hong Kingston novels) and Tuan's *Last of the Suns* are many, and some scenes are nearly the same. For example, in both plays, the young woman who represents the author confronts her parents, insisting with something close to hysteria that they tell her their "stories."

In neither play is the confrontation very successful dramatically—both young women seem more exercised by the question than seems reasonable, and in neither case can the parents respond with the kind of cathartic stories that meet the dramatic need.

But it seems clear that the confrontation is a central one to the Asian-American experience. It seems that when you cross enough lines—generational, cultural, financial—you end up with parents who feel that their experience, their *wisdom*, is meaningless to their children.

Judging from the writing of Kingston and Tuan, and others, the result is almost equally disorienting to the children.

This, then, is the big theme of Tuan's play, and she has created a situation and set of characters that let her comment on it with some complexity.

The play takes place in the San Fernando Valley home of the Sun family, which consists of a father, a mother, a teenage son, a daughter in her 20s, and a grandfather who turns 100 as the play opens.

The cultural/generational conflict is played out between the parents and the daughter. In a device that echoes the chess-champion daughter of *Joy Luck Club*, daughter Twila has been a champion ice skater, and her success gave meaning to her mother's life. Having dropped that career and staying away from

home for five years, Twila returns home as a pariah, and she and her parents rant at each other throughout the play.

The son and the grandfather have no part in this conflict, the son because he is completely Americanized, the grandfather because he lives in a world of Chinese memories.

These two fringe characters are by far the most original and interesting part of the play, and it's frustrating that they are so marginal to its intellectual thrust. The grandfather, especially, dominates most of the action, yet at the end of the play, it seems that his pur-

These parents fear that their experience and wisdom have no meaning to their children.

pose for being included is partly to add color and partly to act as a symbol.

Sab Shimono is quite wonderful as the grandfather, the "last of the Suns," a former Kuomintang general utterly alienated from his current surroundings and constantly pleading with Buddha to let him die.

Tuan has a great facility with symbols, and General Sun's near deafness and near blindness is an obvious but effective expression of his isolation. Another is his comic inability to operate the family's microwave oven.

But in his own world, General Sun is entirely in possession of his senses. As in *The Woman Warrior*, the world of the imagination comes to life and takes the stage. When the general prays for death, a reclining bodhisattva appears at the back of the stage, painted gold like a temple figure.

This Buddha incarnation, though, is a supercilious and outrageous one (suavely played by Alberto Isaac). When the general dismisses him, accusing him of buying his way to salvation, the figure points out that it took enlightenment to know whom to bribe and how much to offer.

Enter the monkey and pig

The general really comes to life, however, when two comic figures from Chinese folklore appear. Monkey King and Eight Pig are only visible to humans soon to die, and the general greets them with joy. The audience was equally delighted, since they appear in a cloud of smoke at the top of the theater, descending on cables.

The two are slapstick creatures, like commedia dell'arte characters (or, closer to home,



Sab Shimono (front) is a 100-year-old Kuomintang general, **Jacqueline Kim** his ice-skating granddaughter, in Alice Tuan's 'Last of the Suns,' playing through Jan. 27 at Berkeley Rep.

unconvincing piece of symbolism. Apparently the general had this concubine's feet bound, not because the cruel traditional practice excited his ardor but out of curiosity. Her bitterness at this led her to refuse to serve the general, both in the past and now.

Her feet are bound in ice skates. The symbolism is easy to interpret—the general's cruel dominance of his concubine is echoed by his daughter-in-law's forcing her daughter to spend all of her time practicing to be a skating champion. But the parallel could have been achieved without giving us the incongruous sight of a Chinese harem maiden in figure skates.

These folk characters are not so remote from our experience as the program notes suggest. They appear every week on subtitled Chinese TV as part of the endless serial *Journey to the West*.

The monkey and the pig bounce on and off the stage throughout the play, enlivening the action (and hilariously portrayed by Michael Ordoña and Kelvin Han Yee).

Another character visible only to the general is less successful—May Lee, one of the general's former concubines who has now been designated his death muse. The general must make love to her in order to die.

May Lee and the granddaughter (both are played by Jacqueline Kim) are tied by a clever but

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Head-Royce School exhibits new paintings by Neal Parks

depictions of expansive spaces.

"The Bay Area's open expanses of water, sky and undulating hills and mountains has also made an impact," he writes.

Parks' paintings are intricate explorations of light and color influenced by 19th and 20th century modernism—combining the atmospheric light quality of Monet, the ethereal, spiritual qualities of Rothko, and the intense, active process of Pollock.

Before his show opened, Park gave a lecture to Head-Royce students. Their response to his show has been so strong that the school has invited him to lecture again—this time about his own work.

The show can be seen weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 17. A reception for Parks will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1.

Head-Royce School is at 4315 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. The show is in the building across from the headmaster's office. Call 531-1300 for more details.



Neal Parks poses in front of one of his paintings.

■ East Bay Events continued

Kristi Yamaguchi is one of the ice-skating stars appearing at the Coliseum tomorrow in 'Stars on Ice.'

Olympic skating medalists come to town

A host of stars from past Olympics comes to the Oakland Coliseum tomorrow at 8 p.m. as part of Discover Card's "Stars on Ice."

The line-up includes Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Katarina Witt, Paul Wylie, Kurt Browning and Rosalyn Sumners, as well as the skating pairs of Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov, Elena Bechke & Denis Petrov, Christine Hough & Doug Ladret and Natalia Annenko & Genrich Sretenski.

A dollar from each ticket (\$2 if you charge tickets on a Discover Card) goes to Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with serious illnesses. Tickets cost \$22.50 to \$37.50 and are available by calling 762-BASS.

This is a chance to see champion skaters without the annoying commentary you can't escape on TV.

Crowden School offers children's concert

The Crowden School presents a children's concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in a benefit for the school's scholarship fund. The program consists of the fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin," performed to the music of Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations, and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.

The narrator is Scott Beach. The music will be performed by pianist Roy Bogas and cellist Sharon Bogas.

The afternoon includes a raffle drawing for prizes donated by photographers Deborah O'Grady, Richard Misrach and Debra Bloomfield. The concert is at the University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8 (\$3 children). Call 644-2299 for reservations.

Children's shows at La Peña Center

La Peña Cultural Center is offering a series of Saturday morning children's shows the next three weekends. This Saturday, the program features soprano Juanita Ulloa in original songs and traditional favorites from Latin America.

On Jan. 21, Bob Reid, kids' radio host from Santa Cruz, sings and leads a sing-along for kids of all ages.

On Jan. 28, the Plum City Players (Ann Hershey, Bonnie Lockhart and Nancy Shimmel) sing songs and tell stories to welcome in the new year.

All shows are at 10:30 a.m. and cost \$3 (\$2 for kids). The center is at 3105 Shattuck Ave. (at Woolsey), Berkeley. Call 849-2568 for more details.

Clavion Quartet plays Schumann, Mozart

The Trinity Chamber Concert Series continues Sunday at 4 p.m. with a performance by the Clavion Quartet (Candace Guirao, violin; Kurt Rohde, viola; Leighton Fong, cello; and Ruth Butterfield, piano).

The program consists of works by Schumann, Mozart and Rohde. The concert takes place at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Admission is by donation—\$8 (\$5 seniors/students) is suggested. Call 549-3864 for details.

Balinese shadow puppets in Berkeley

The recently opened Bay Area Puppet Playhouse presents Larry Reed's Shadow Play Theatre Company in a single performance at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Reed is one of the few Westerners to be trained as a Balinese *dalang*, or puppet master, in the Wayang Kulit, or Balinese shadow play. The art form blends high drama, improvisation and slapstick comedy, using elaborately articulated puppets whose shadows are thrown on a screen.

The shadow play is accompanied by a gamelan, which is an ensemble of Balinese percussionists.

Tickets are \$10 (\$6 for children). The playhouse is at 2353-C San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-0715 for more details.

Jan. 21 auditions for Piedmont Boys Choir

The Piedmont Boys Choir will hold auditions Saturday, Jan. 21. The auditions are open to boys from 7 to 10 years old who live in the East Bay. No musical experience is necessary. Call 547-4441 for an appointment.

The choir has beginning, intermediate and performing groups. The performing group goes on an international tour most years.

Classes, held in Piedmont, include music theory and voice. There are tuition and uniform fees; scholarships are available.

'Women': humane, gorgeous, intelligent

■ The bottom line is that everyone should run out and see 'Little Women.'

By Renata Polt

"We'll all grow up someday—we may as well know what we want," says Amy, the youngest of *Little Women's* March sisters.

Growing up (or resisting it), knowing what you want and finding a way to get it, all with the support of a close family and generous friends, are a few of the things Gillian Armstrong's loving and lovely recreation of Louisa May Alcott's 1868 novel is about.

Movies

Script writer Robin Swicord has slipped in some biographical touches from Alcott's own life (her parents were members of New England's Transcendental movement, abolitionists and teetotalers) and has slathered the feminist agenda on a bit heavily at times.

But I couldn't help forgiving all that in a film so intelligent, so humane, not to mention so gorgeous to look at, that it makes most of the past year's other films look crass and frantic.

The novel is familiar to any woman from the generations in which children still read books. The four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, live with their mother Marmee in Concord, Mass., while Father March is off fighting the Civil War.

The film's Concord and, later, Greenwich Village, Paris and London are vividly evoked. The wintry New England scenes are especially enchanting, as are the houses, both grand and humble, like the Marches' own Orchard House.

Credit production designer Jan Roelfs (*Orlando*) with getting these important details just right.

"A temporary poverty had settled on our family," says Jo, the family rebel, tomboy, writer and organizer of theatricals. Winona Ryder plays Jo, who also narrates.

Despite their poverty, the

Beethoven 9th to open OEBS 1995 season

The Oakland East Bay Symphony opens its 1995 "classical music season" Jan. 20 with a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

OEBS music director Michael Morgan will conduct the orchestra, which will be joined by the Oakland Symphony Chorus and the California State University, Hayward Singers.

The soloists will be soprano Jenifer Green, mezzo-soprano Sally Munro, tenor Julian Levant and bass David Tigner.

The program also includes *Crosscurrents* by local composer Anthony M. Kelley. Kelley has studied with composers Thomas Oboe Lee, Philip Glass and others, and has received grants or commissions from ASCAP, the National Association of Negro Musicians and the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The concert, at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20, is at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets are \$10 to \$30. Tickets for the four-concert season are \$32 to \$96. Call 465-6400.

The concert will be repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at the University Theatre at Cal State Hayward. Tickets are \$18 and can be charged by calling 881-4299.

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The 'Little Women' with their mother: (clockwise from top) Trini Alvarado, Susan Sarandon, Claire Danes, Kirsten Dunst and Winona Ryder.

Marches carry their own Christmas dinner to a needier family, an example of the kind of "good works" that sometimes threaten to smother the story in Victorian moralizing.

'Little Women' makes most of the past year's other films look crass and frantic.

But the exuberant family portraits win out. Meg, the oldest, played by Trini Alvarado, is the most conventional; Beth, played by Claire Danes (the extraordinarily expressive star of the soon-to-be-cancelled TV series, *My So-Called Life*), is the frail musician.

Amy (played as a child by

Kirsten Durst, the curly-haired baby vampire of *Interview With the Vampire*, and as a young woman by Samantha Mathis) is a romantic, willful artist. Marmee (Susan Sarandon), the ideal mother, holds them all together.

If Father (Matthew Walker) doesn't play a significant role in the story, others males do. The rich boy next door, Laurie (Christian Bale), becomes Jo's best friend, and his grandfather (John Neville) the family's benefactor.

The philosophy teacher who shapes Jo's ideas about her writing — with her penchant for gore and vampires, she seems to have been born a century or so too soon — is beautifully played by Gabriel Byrne, German accent and all.

I don't know whether contemporary "little women" will be able to identify with a girl who says she's "desperate for drawing pencils" or appreciate the significance of a young man's pocketing a young woman's glove.

But the film's real theme person trying to be herself she's found out who that couldn't be any more universal.

I've been telling every run out and see *Little Women*.

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Suns

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acter, we realize that he was far worse than that. He is a whose high stature grew out his ruthlessness, his willingness to kill without pity.

What is riveting is that we are presented a villain not due to psychological defect but by being the product of different time and place—a true dinosaur.

The play comes to its shocking max when the death muse/concubine becomes confused in the general's mind with his granddaughter. He tries to rape her, and beats him to death with his staff. Remarkably—and this is greatest weakness of the play—we are expected to regard development as a liberation both people involved. The general is dead at last, which is what he sought; his granddaughter goes to the front of the stage and declares that she has been at last.

Thus does the theme of the play—the author's search for her identity—emerge again. Are we

to accept that she has shaken off the negative aspects of Chinese culture in the act of killing her grandfather? I think we are, but this is one of the reasons why the friend who saw the play with me had trouble believing I liked it.

Indeed, I did like it, but I do think that Tuan needs to realize

The symbolic connection between foot binding and ice skating is strained.

that the clever use of symbols doesn't excuse discontinuities of dramatic flow. The general's attempt at rape is justified by his character; his murder cannot be so blithely dismissed.

Tuan has a real talent for comic types. The monkey and pig are two. The other members of the Sun family are equally one-dimensional—and very funny.

The son, Sonny, is a stereotype

that's been around since *Flower Drum Song*—a boy more American than any American. He's a steroid-using weight lifter with a short fuse, particularly when confronted by a grandfather who asks the same questions over and over and can't hear the answers unless they're shouted.

Shades of Bill Murray

Sean San José Blackman plays Sonny in the style that Bill Murray perfected in *Ghostbusters*—someone so comfortable with his self-image that he cannot be fazed by the disapproval of others. When he and his father discover the dying general, Kenny starts to videotape the scene, losing his temper when his elders keep lapsing into Chinese.

The parents have even less variety. The mother is so angry that she soon seems comic; the father is a less-intense version of her. After separate scenes in which they rail at their children, the two appear together alone. I found myself laughing at the very prospect of a conversation between two people so bitter.

Sure enough, the mother describes walking into the house to find her long-lost daughter, whom she describes as "ugly as a demon," because of her bleached hair and punk dress.

Unlike Sonny, neither parent is given any lines that are overtly comic. The mother's tirades are realistic complaints about his disappointments with life. Yet they were greeted with laughter by the audience. My companion found



Ken Fruhman

Monkey King (Michael Ordoña), left, and Eight Pig (Kelvin Han Yee), right, are figures from Chinese folklore who come to California to comfort a dying general. In their search for him, they meet his daughter-in-law, the embittered Ni Lee (Jeanne Sakata), in 'Last of the Suns.'

this disconcerting; I thought it a very skillful balancing act by the playwright.

(Jeanne Sakata plays the mother, Alberto Isaac the father; both were excellent.)

It's hard to give a snap summary of the play's quality. Many of the characters and scenes were

wonderfully realized; there were also moments that were confusing, even embarrassing. For me the former dominated by far, and I have no hesitation in saying that Alice Tuan is a playwright of very great promise.

Last of the Suns, directed by Phyllis S.K. Look, plays Tues-

days through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., through Jan. 27, at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley.

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CUT AND ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

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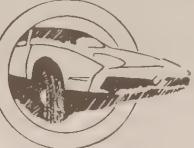
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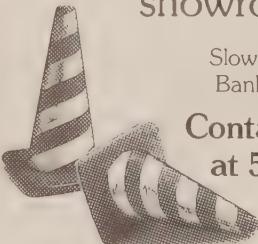
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911

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Mayor Mike Brodsky said, "We want to improve our emergency medical services, but we have found that we are going in that direction through local control."

He added, "I think in general a regional approach to healthcare delivery is a good idea (but) the effect of this proposal is not acceptable at all."

Akers said yesterday that cities like Albany would retain a measure of local control.

The current district-wide system operates to ensure that multiple calls in a city would be responded to in a timely fashion.

Albany has at its disposal one city ambulance but can call on the county district if the fire department

receives emergency calls from two or more residents.

"Yes, cities can retain authority over their medical services, but they need to be a part of a system to ensure client needs," Akers said.

Supervisor Keith Carson's aide, Jennifer Freitas, said the plan is still in nascent form and only came before the board on Jan. 3.

"This is not an implementation plan, it is more of a concept paper," she said. "I think the board represents every city's interests and how best to find a cost-effective way to provide emergency medical services for every Alameda County resident."

In addition to promoting a centralized 911 response system that distinguishes between emergency and non-emergency calls, the task force proposal also hopes to

create an educational program that teaches and ages people to use the 911 system when it is appropriate.

While 911 operators often field non-emergency calls, "the other side of it is that there are people who are very sick who are coming into hospital emergency rooms by private cars when they should be transported by ambulance," Akers said.

She added, "People want to make sure the conflict between city and county. It is my responsibility to watch out for everybody all the time."

Fields said, "Our level of service is very exceptional when you throw in the fact that we have one (ambulance). The county has certain run efficiently — the city has a different perspective."

time.

Mayor Norman La Force, on the other hand, is not convinced that financing a charette is the best use of the city's limited resources.

"I don't think a charette will accomplish that much," said LaForce, though he did not rule it out as a possibility, if it finds support on the city council.

"There are already certain constraints...established parameters," he said, referring to the need for a parking garage in order to obtain Measure C funding, the city's commitment to housing and the desire for some retail space, as well as certain limits on height and bulk.

"If you're talking about the design, I'm not sure a charette on design will work," he said. "It's not my job or anyone else's in the community to dictate what a design should be. You don't get a good design from a supra-committee."

LaForce likened input to a city board or commission becoming too involved in telling property owners how to design their homes.

"People...should have the right to express what they want," he said. "Besides, something that looks goofy now may not look that way in the future. I may have my own ideas of what I'd like to see; it's not my place to impose that on others."

LaForce himself served on a charette in the city of Berkeley in the early 1980s. From his standpoint, it was not successful. He believes "the ultimate idea really came from the design professionals" involved, who brought their options to the public from which to

choose. He also said the charette's input ultimately had no bearing on what was finally adopted for the plan. That plan, he said, was influenced significantly by the major players involved.

As for the idea of "creating a certain character of the neighborhood," I think that's pie in the sky," LaForce said. "I don't necessarily want to see that thing homogenized."

But "character" has been a word that's come up again among others who've been concerned about the future of the site: both those who don't want the existing character of the neighborhood changed as they perceive it — and those who look forward to developing a new "urban village" character within BART/El Cerrito Plaza area.

Steve Price is one such resident. Price was a member of the original Redevelopment Advisory Committee which developed some guidelines for development in the area that reflect a transit-oriented village. He is an outspoken supporter of pedestrian-oriented development and is one of the founders of Sustainable El Cerrito.

Price said that Sustainable El Cerrito supports pedestrian-oriented development and believes "it's good for housing to be there." The group is supportive of the ideas being discussed, he said, understanding that we favor a more pedestrian-oriented environment.

"We discussed the idea that it would be

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Process

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community consensus or to get community reaction before it goes to far."

While any project at the BART plaza will be a development by that agency (with perhaps some assistance from the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency), the city council will have ultimate approval over what is planned. In El Cerrito, suggested approaches to deciding the future of the BART parking lot property run the gamut.

No proposal has yet been submitted by BART, but some members of the community don't necessarily want any kind of development to replace the existing parking lots.

Others, believing that a mixed use project is likely the future of the property, would like to see community members involved in determining what the development will look like.

Redevelopment Agency chair Jane Bartke has recently expressed her support of some type of charette process to invite community input on any development at the site — if the price can be kept down. A charette is a group composed of interested citizens and a variety of experts in land use planning, urban design and related areas, facilitated by a professional or group of professionals.

Bartke has said that the Design Review Board, many of whose members have participated in charettes, might well be able to conduct the process, perhaps using contracted services of a consultant for a short

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Support for plaza plan

Editor:

Last week's article on Plaza development gives the false impression that all the plaza's immediate neighbors are uniformly opposed to mixed-use development. This is simply not true. There are many hard-working young families like ours who do not have time to show up at every city council meeting to express our support.

When put before the Redevelopment Advisory Committee last year, redevelopment passed. When put before the voting public in November, redevelopment passed. Plaza development has the support of the public, even among the Plaza's immediate neighbors.

Brad and Susanna Marshland
El Cerrito

Neighboring librarians object

Editor:

We are librarians at Berkeley Public Library, represented by SEIU 535, who wish to register our strong opposition to having inadequate professional staffing at Albany Public Library. It is inequitable and undemocratic to have a library open extra hours when you can't serve all the people who need to use the library.

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The other attacker demanded his watch, which he gave up. They then fled the area with the bike. The first suspect is described as an Hispanic male, 14 years old, with short hair and wearing a black shirt. The second is described as an Hispanic male, 12 to 13 years old, with a mole on his left cheek, wearing a red sweatshirt.

While cleaning the storm drains on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue on morning of Jan. 4 street crew workers found a BB/pellet type rifle wrapped in a red blanket stuffed in the drain.

Due to the rusting it was determined to have been in the storm drain for some time. It was handed over to ID Tech for processing.

On the morning of Jan. 5 Albany officers reported locating a 1983 Toyota in the north parking lot at Golden Gate Fields which had been reported stolen from Berkeley on Jan. 4. The ignition was punched but the vehicle was not stripped and both plates were intact. It was towed and the owner was notified.

On the afternoon of Jan. 5, unknown thieves broke into a Toyota pickup parked on the 500 block of Jackson Street, stole the in-dash stereo and departed unseen.

A resident of the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported that his neighbor had witnessed someone in a gray foreign make car throw a lit flare into the bed of his truck which was parked in front of his house on the night of Jan. 5. The neighbor was able to put out the flare before it caused any damage to the truck. There is no further information.

A resident on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue reported that unknown vandals had entered his home by breaking out the living room window on the evening of Jan. 5. The vandals selected a few CDs and the CD player, placed them on a chair next to the front door but then departed without taking anything. The resident thinks the pet dog may have frightened off the would-be thieves.

The Kelley family was kind enough to invite me to the cake-cutting. And for the record let me say: It was absolutely delicious.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in The Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9543. Or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org. AOL address: CATMAN 666.

An Albany man, known to have a \$10,000 warrant from Albany was arrested at a bar on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Jan. 6. He was transported to the Albany station and booked.

Unknown thieves were able to gain access to a second story deck of a building on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue between 6 p.m. on Jan. 6 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 7. They broke into the building through an exterior door, performed a messy prowls of the offices, stole items of value and food, and departed unseen.

While in the process of impounding a 1973 Chevy Nova on the afternoon of Jan. 7 a Berkeley man stated that the car was his. Since officers had discovered within the car a white powder believed to be illegal drugs, the man was arrested, cited and released. His car was towed.

On the evening of Jan. 7 officers responded to the area of Marin and Kains avenues on reports of a man yelling and possibly intoxicated. Officers found a Albany man, very intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested to be released when

On the evening of Jan. 7, Albany officers responded, at the request of the University Police department building in the Village on the 2000 block of Wilson Street, on a report of two subjects in that was supposed to be vacant.

Albany officers secured the perimeter and city officers entered the apartment using a 20-year-old Santa Ana man and a 19-year-old Francisco man were found inside.

They claimed they were just seeking shelter were arrested.

On the night of Jan. 3 unknown thieves in the basement of a residence on the 900 block of Street, stole a sump pump and departed unused.

During the week of Jan. 1 Albany officers printed six people at their request, towed and responded to 12 false alarms, assisted three people were locked out of their cars, and responded to reports of barking dogs.

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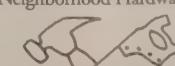
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REAL ESTATE

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January 12, 1995

Development signals renaissance of historic wine country



Third-generation vintners Eric, Carolyn and Phil Wente enjoy a popular local sport.

Crane Ridge is just part of a bigger plan to cultivate tourism in Livermore Valley

By Maggie Sharpe

Not far from the rumble of cars and trucks on highway 580, the rolling hills and quiet country roads of the Livermore Valley stretch westward to an historic grape-growing region, once home to some 150 wineries. This serene landscape, just a 40-minute drive from Oakland, is the site of a new real estate development offering a unique opportunity for elegant country living within easy reach of big city life.

Crane Ridge Vineyards, which is being developed by Wente Bros. Winery, consists of ten 18.5-acre vineyard parcels, each with a scenic one-acre residential building site surrounded by 14 acres of vineyard. It's definitely a proposition for the upwardly mobile: parcels range in price from \$700,000 to \$950,000. On top of that is the cost of building a home.

Phil Wente describes each homesite as a "working landscape," presenting an opportunity for people to reap the benefits of living on the land that actually pays for the experience.

The vines are entering their third growing season and have already been grafted to Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot varieties. Wente explained that vines are ready to produce



Visitors to the Sparkling Wine Cellars may tour the sandstone aging caves or, in summer, catch one of the Concert Series.

during their third year, so anyone purchasing a vineyard at Crane Ridge this spring can look forward to a viable crop in 1995.

Crane Ridge landowners will have the opportunity to create their own estate with vineyards and, if they wish, start their own winery and private label. They may choose to farm the land themselves or have the vineyard profession-

ally managed.

Wente explained that Crane Ridge is just part of a much larger plan. The South Livermore Valley Area Plan is the result of years of planning, negotiation and compromise between Alameda County, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, local interest groups, developers, wineries and

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Tax changes relating to real estate

Whether you use a tax professional or prepare your own tax return, there are many tax forms, publications and instructions available at no cost from the IRS.

You can visit your local IRS office, such as the one located at the Federal Building at 1301 Clay St. in Oakland, or order tax forms and publications from the IRS Forms Distribution Center, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001.

Forms and publications may also be ordered by calling (800) TAXFORM (829-3676). Delivery time is currently seven to 15 working days for telephone orders.

Some changes for 1994 relate to moving expenses incurred after 1993. Certain items are no longer deductible, the distance requirement is increased, and the deduction is allowed as an adjustment to

gross income on page 1 of Form 1040. (See Chapter 9 of Publication 17, 1994 tax guide for individuals.)

If you bought a main home after 1990 and the seller paid points for your mortgage, you may be able to deduct them as an interest expense on Schedule A. (See Chapter 25 of Pub 17.)

Beginning in 1994, rental activities in which you materially participate will no longer be passive activities if you meet certain eligibility requirements. Losses from these activities are not limited by the passive activity rules. (See Chapter 10 of Pub 17.)

In addition to Pub 17, other specialized real estate publications that might prove useful in preparing your 1994 tax returns are Pub 523 — Selling Your Home, Pub 527 — Residential Rental Property, Pub 530 — Tax Information



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for First-Time Homeowners, Pub 534 — Depreciation, Pub 551 — Basis of Assets, Pub 552 — Recordkeeping for Individuals, Pub 587 — Business Use of Your Home, Pub 926 — Employment Taxes for Household Employers, Pub 936 — Home Mortgage Interest Deduction, and Pub 946 — How To Begin Depreciating Your Property, and Form 2119 — Sale of Your Home.

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Review your insurance needs before beginning construction

Every construction project is filled with risks, some of them not so obvious. On one recent project, a carpenter was under the house in the crawl space when he was bitten by a black widow spider. He had an extreme allergic reaction and was fortunate to make it to the hospital in time.

Thankfully, he was not the litigious type. But it's not too hard to imagine a lawsuit claiming that the homeowners had a responsibility to keep their house free from venomous pests, etc., etc.

Before starting any construction project, it's essential to discuss your insurance requirements with your insurance advisor (i.e., your insurance agent/broker). Although everyone has different insurance needs, here are some general tips:

- When you hire a general contractor, make sure that he or she provides you with a Certificate of Insurance before any construction starts. (In fact, you may wish to get the Certificate before signing a contract!) This is a standard form issued by the contractor's insurance agent listing the contractor's current insurance coverage.

You should review this with your own agent to make sure that it's adequate for your own needs.

- Ask to be named as an "additional insured" under your contractor's policy. This will give

you additional protection by the contractor's insurance company in the event of a third-party lawsuit.

For example, if your neighbor sues both you and the contractor because of some property damage, your contractor's policy may provide the coverage.

This "additional insured" coverage is usually free or extremely inexpensive.

- Although licensed contractors are required by law to carry Workers Compensation insurance, some small contracting companies may not be carrying any additional insurance. (Workers Compensation covers only accidents to the contractor's employees.)

What about hiring unlicensed individuals? For example, there are many excellent carpenters who are not licensed, yet who may seem perfect for your job.

California law says that for work valued over \$300 (including labor and materials), if the worker is not licensed, then they are technically your employee. That means that you have a legal obligation to provide Workers Compensation insurance, withhold taxes, and all of the other burdensome obligations that go with being an employer.

If your unlicensed carpenter gets injured, and suddenly is unable to support himself, you can guess where he will look to for financial



Remodeling

RICHARD MORRISON

support.

And remember, it's as easy to saw off a finger or fall off a ladder on a small project as it is on a large one.

Getting your own Workers Compensation insurance is expensive, and the additional employee paperwork is a big hassle, but is it worth risking your life savings to ignore? Maybe that unlicensed contractor isn't so cheap, after all.

Remodeling projects are stressful enough as it is. Knowing that you're covered with the proper insurance will hopefully let you sleep much more peacefully at night.

Richard Morrison, AIA, is a Bay Area architect specializing in residential remodelings and additions. He teaches remodeling classes at the Building Education Center in Berkeley. You can call him at (415) 321-3729.

Protect property from water damage

As Northern Californians begin to assess property damage caused by recent storms, the California State Automobile Association (CSAA) Wednesday recommended that they take steps to protect their property.

"With more storms predicted, we're advising people to take advantage of breaks in the weather to protect their homes and belongings," said CSAA spokesman Barry Shiller.

CSAA has received more than 3,000 storm-related damage claims since Friday. It received 1,300 claim reports on Tuesday. The not-for-profit insurer recommended on Wednesday that homeowners move property located in areas most susceptible to water damage (such as basements and other low-lying areas) to higher ground or to other protected locations.

For residences and personal property damaged by water, the following steps are recommended by Josi Steinberg of Servpro, a Marin County water damage restoration company:

- Get damp property, such as clothing, to a place where it can dry out;

- Open windows to allow fresh air into waterlogged residences (weather permitting), and open interior cabinets and drawers to facilitate drying;

- Do not throw items away,

even if they do not appear salvagable, until insurance adjusters have had a chance to see if you are advised that it is necessary to keep them (and there is insurance coverage).

* Do not attempt to electrical or gas appliances have been under water; you've been advised by an expert that it is safe to do so;

* Do not use a vacuum to remove standing water; it can result;

Homeowners who have a video camera can fairly capture a record of their findings by videotaping the inside of their residence and describe contents on the tape.

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George, a graduate of Princeton University, has worked with Johns Manville building products, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C., where he built a \$50 million office building, and was chief operating officer for PMI Mortgage Insurance and American Home Shield, the home warranty company.

He trained in real estate sales at Mason-McDuffie and left The GRUBB Co. to form ERI.

Mary, who holds a master's degree in statistics from Carnegie Mellon, has been with the National Center for State Courts, and now is responsible for condo conversions, loans, and property management at ERI.

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Q & A

Q: When I sold my house, the pest control report was high. We decided to sell "as is" and reduced the price accordingly. We received an offer, and since the buyers accepted the house "as is" as to the pest control report, we accepted.

The buyers exercised their rights for inspection. We were surprised when they ordered a new pest control report. It was a company that works for their architect, and the report was nearly three times as much as our original. Now the buyers wanted the house for a drastically reduced price. We asked our pest control company to look at the house again. They inspected the house and guaranteed the original estimate, stating clearly that there was nothing new in the buyers' report.

We offered to clear the pest control for the buyers and include the amount in the sale. Theoretically, this would have saved us both a great deal of money, but the buyers wouldn't agree. Their agent stated that they wanted to make architectural upgrades with the money they were seeking from us.

Light dawned. By this time our house had been on the market for a couple of months. Prospective buyers were too nervous to deal with the discrepancy of the two pest control reports. We were being blackmailed! We were stuck with our dishonest buyers and, even though we knew we were being swindled, we had to sell to them — losing even more money on the deal.

I hold the buyers' agent accountable for fraudulently telling us the buyers accepted the house "as is." I hold the buyers' agent accountable for allowing the disingenuous pest control report. And I hold the buyers' agent responsible for the bad faith dealings around our offer to clear the pest control report.

There were so many ethical violations that I feel the buyers' agent should be reported to the Board of



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Realtors. Should I do this or simply accept the situation as part of the sad state of ethics in business today? Are there any other remedies available to me?

A: The situation you describe occurs more often than any of us who are involved with negotiations would like to admit. It is particularly upsetting because you agreed to accept a lower price than you thought your home was worth, believing the buyers' promise to purchase in its "as is" condition. You understood this to mean that you had lowered the price as much as was needed to complete the sale. To you, this lower price and the "as is" clause signaled the last word. To your buyers, it was only the first.

The buyers, agreeing to buy the property in its "as is" condition, collected information to confirm that they could take on the financial responsibilities presented by the property. They needed to know that the home you loved in its present condition could be the one that they envisioned after their design changes and upgrades.

You say that you were "stuck" because you had the buyers' new pest control report, for three times the amount of yours, hanging around your neck, and you would have to reveal it to any subsequent buyer whether it was spurious or not. This is true — the second report is an albatross, and it is unfair in the sense that you did not order the second report and yet it is now yours to disclose.

California disclosure laws are
See Q&A, page 21

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Project**Keep quilts and blankets handy on old-fashioned bedside rack**

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By Don and Dave Runyan

In days past, when cold drafts would creep through the house like a cat in the night and the logs in the wood-burning stove would die out in early morning, it was common to grab an extra quilt or blanket from the quilt rack next to the bed.

Even with modern heating, extra covers are still welcome on chilly nights. This build-it-yourself quilt rack not only keeps quilts and blankets handy, but it's also a classic country decorator item and a certain hand-me-down family heirloom.

The quilt rack project is simple enough for most do-it-yourselfers, even beginners. Made from 3/4-inch oak and one-inch oak doweling, the rack requires only five different cuts and 15 pieces in all.

The curved cuts for the two side pieces are traced from full-size patterns, and the remainder of the cuts are straight cuts. After

sawing, the pieces are simply drilled and assembled using dowel pins, screws and glue. Then the whole unit is sanded and stained or painted.

The completed quilt rack measures about 31 inches tall by 31 inches long by 18 inches deep.

The Quilt Rack plan, No. 799, is \$6.50 and includes step-by-step instructions with 12 photos, full-size traceable patterns, exploded diagrams and a complete shopping list and cutting schedule.

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Rare treasure inspires daughter's love no

Number 82 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

A treasure came to me recently — unexpected, amazing, a wonderful fluke.

Anet and I were on tour when we went to a house that wasn't very interesting. We knew we didn't have a buyer for it, and it wasn't a house that we might have stood around and looked at for our own pleasure, so we rushed right through.

As we were leaving, I noticed something on the open front door. "Look!" I said to Anet, "It's a Leave-a-Note house!"

Hanging there was a small, flat wooden box in the shape of a house. It has a peaked roof and a suggestion of shingles. In the center is a door with tiny brass hinges, and carved on the door is a message: Leave a Note.

There is a latch, a little piece of wood that swivels to the side and allows the door to open, and inside the door are a note pad and a pencil. There is a hole for the pencil so it stands upright.

I couldn't believe my eyes. I have been looking for a Leave a Note house for a long time. I was about 9 when I last saw one — I only ever saw one — hanging outside my aunt's door in Napa.

Berkeley Rep show benefits women and kids

A special performance of *The Last of the Suns*, by Alice Tuan and directed by Phyllis S.K. Look will be held at Berkeley Repertory Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The show is a benefit for the Women's Day Time Drop-In Center in West Berkeley which provides daytime shelter and services for women and children.

This world premiere explores the sources of a young Chinese woman's ancestral culture as her 100-year-old grandfather celebrates his birthday in the American home of his disaffected children and grandchildren.

Tickets are \$40 and include a reception following the play with an opportunity to meet the actors and director. Tickets can be ordered by check to the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, c/o Joy Clinton, P.O. Box 11612, Berkeley 94712.

When I went to visit her, even if she was home, I opened the little door, took out the pencil and pad and wrote her a note.

Years and years later when I remembered the house, I wished for one, but I had no idea where another might be. I looked at crafts fairs, thinking that people who make old-fashioned wooden toys might make wooden note holders, too. I thought about building one myself (but I'm no good at sawing and fitting). And I considered hiring someone to make me one (it seemed a perfect project for eighth-grade wood shop).

Now I was standing, laughing, looking at the genuine article on the front door of a vacant house in Berkeley. The owner had moved out, but had left it behind. Maybe he would sell it to me.

I asked the agent, I told her I'd been searching for this little house. I said I'd love to buy it if the owner would consider parting with it. I even said I'd pay a premium for it.

Agents don't like to get involved with personal property inside their listings. This is under-



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standable. Sometimes agents list estates that are full of things and they find themselves unwillingly turned into second-hand dealers. But this agent said she'd ask and let me know.

A week later we ran into the agent at another open house. I hadn't called her back because I didn't think it was fair to ask twice. My note taker couldn't mean anything to her. But this day she said, "You're the one who wanted that wooden house, aren't you? The owner says you can have it for five dollars. It's just hanging on a nail — you can go get it anytime."

I was thrilled. I thanked her many times, gave her my money, and we went to get the house. I took it home and showed it to my

little girl, Annie, telling her we'd hang it outside, telling her about the one before when I was her age.

The door is irresistible. I turned the little latch, turned the tiny knob, and looked inside. "Mom, look," she said, "I'm going to write you."

Before I hung it up, I wrote a tiny Christmas tree and a string of pretend Christmas lights outside the little door. I opened the door again, and a note: "Dear Mom, I love much. Love from Annie."

Isn't it funny which little message house yours, but it is certainly ours.

We send each of you year wishes for a special of your own. Our deepest to those who made 1994 a good one for us.

Pat Talbert and Anet are licensed agents and state consultants. To ask them or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarhoff & Ltd., at 653-2050.

Decorative arts at Cohen Bray House

Author and Associate Professor Hank Dunlop of the California College of Arts & Crafts will present a lecture entitled "California Treasure: The Rich Veins of Material at the Cohen Bray House" on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at Nahl Hall located in the Founder's Library Building on the CCAC campus.

The lecture is open to members of the Victorian Preservation Center and the general public and will focus on 19th century decorative arts in California.

A reception sponsored by the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland will follow at Mackey Hall.

The lecture will give insights into the diverse collections of furniture, textiles, glass, ceramics, metal, and photographs in the collection of Oakland's historic Cohen Bray House, an Oakland city landmark. The house, built in the early 1880s, was a wedding present to Emma Bray and Alfred Henry Cohen from Emma's father, Watson Bray.

Alfred was the son of A.A. Cohen, the chief attorney for the Central Pacific Railway. The Central

Pacific was controlled by "the Big Four," Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins, Collis T. Huntington, and Leland Stanford. Their power extended beyond business and commerce to influence the styles of living for merchant class families, and the Cohen Bray House reflects that influence.

Professor Dunlop asserts that the wealth of California in the 19th century lay not only in its gold and silver mines, but in the material goods that were produced and purchased in that era — "like a California gold mine this house contains many veins to be examined and brought forth into the light."

The decorative arts in the Cohen Bray House are extensive and include "high end" documented Herter Brothers furniture, a quilt made for Emma Bray by her classmates at Mills College, Oriental porcelain, American Aesthetic movement silver plate, period clothing found in the children's play trunk, the bride's book, Arts & Crafts textiles and mundane objects used in everyday life.

Apart from the artifacts on exhibit, Dunlop notes that the attic alone is a mother lode, one he will explore with the audience. These collections offer opportunities for study in formica material culture.

Professor Dunlop is a recognized expert on 19th century California international director of the Art Study Center of the Museums of San Francisco.

He has been working in historic preservation and field since the 1960s. He delivered papers before the Historical Society in America and the Advisory Council of the Art Study Center of the Museums of San Francisco.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 general admission. Members of the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland are free.

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free class on How to Prune Juicy Fruit Trees is Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m., at Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley. Call 526-

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A free class on **Rose Pruning** will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. at the Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley. Call 526-4704.

Learn to create your own artwork/greeting cards, invitations, etc. at a free demonstration of **Art Rubber Stamping**, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1 - 4 p.m. at Exquisite Images, 4188 Piedmont Ave., next to Piedmont Theater. Take the opportunity to sign up for hands-on workshops (\$12.50) in January and February. Call 601-6847 for more information.

A Basic Compost Workshop, sponsored by Alameda County Waste Management Authority, is Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - noon (rain or shine) at Oakland Garden, Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building, Bellevue Ave., near Lake Merritt. This hands-on class teaches how to compost yard and kitchen waste; learn to transform trash into free, nutritious fertilizer. Free. Call the 'Rotline' at 635-6275 for more information.

UC Botanical Garden's staff horticulturist Peter Klement pre-

sents a hands-on workshop and demonstration on **Pruning and Pegging of Shrub Roses** at the garden on Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. Space is limited. Reservations required. \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. The garden is in Strawberry Canyon on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium. Call 642-3343 for more information.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, holds three classes on Saturday, Jan. 21. **Owner Contracting: Project Management**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Earthquake Retrofitting**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Hands-On Electrical Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., \$180. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, starts a 17-session **Homeowner's Essential Course: How to Build, Remodel & Maintain Your Home**, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$395. Call 525-7610 to register.

Merritt College begins a series on pruning trees and shrubs with **Introduction to Aesthetic Pruning**, Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$30. For a complete schedule of classes on pruning call 436-2413. Other upcoming classes in horticulture include "Introduction to Bonsai," "The Business of Landscaping," "Floral Design Classes," and "Irrigation Lab." A field trip to Kauai, Hawaii, is scheduled for April (call 800 624-6623 for information).

A Financial Investment Workshop for Women will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - noon at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Presented by Martin Bach, Dean Witter senior vice president, investments, the workshop is limited to 100 participants. To reserve a space call Cathy at 891-0551.

A four-session, **Free Real Estate Training** starts Saturday, Feb. 4 and continues three more Saturdays, 2 - 5 p.m., at Bayridge Realty & Financial, 6730 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Topics include how to build your business quickly and easily; countless tips on earning huge commissions; and how to improve your public image and build confidence in yourself. Class size is small. For reservations, call Steve Zager at 232-7714.

Bring your sick plants to a **Free Plant Disease Clinic**, first Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - noon, at UC Botanical Gardens, Centennial Dr., Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. UC plant pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe will identify the problems and prescribe treatment for common pests and diseases. Call 642-3343 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619. Phone: 339-4047; FAX: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Q&A

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clients and share our experiences and thoughts about what is fair, what is rational, and what is possible, but in the end we must go forth as the messengers and "get" as much money as they decide they need.

Buyers almost always want to pay as little as possible for the property, and sellers usually want to net as much as possible. Herein lies the conflict. Sometimes ends don't justify the means, especially when it leaves you feeling "taken."

If you want to pursue this matter, you can contact the broker for whom the agent works, and if you do not get a satisfactory response, you can pass your complaint on to the local Realtor's Association.

The only way to protect yourself from all of the above is to refuse to accept an offer that has inspections as a contingency. When buyers do their inspections before making an offer, the amount that you get at the close of escrow.

Dennis and I began writing contracts with inspections already completed as a way of insuring the seller that the buyers weren't playing games with them. This has often benefited the buyer as well, because the seller has been willing to accept a lower offer, knowing that it is the final word.

Postscript

On a cheerier note, Dennis and I are moving our office at least at lunch time most days, to Restaurant LDV at 1843 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. (526-9444.) It's a great place to meet with clients and do business.

You cannot know what your buyers intend to do with the money they save when they get you to lower your price. And although it's frustrating to drive by the old place and see that the new buyers have completely remodeled it, but have not replaced the roof, for example, for which they demanded replacement money, that is in fact the way it goes.

It makes sense then, feeling "taken," for you to ask yourself, did the buyers know all along that the "as is" price was just for openers? Was their offer "fraudulent" from the start, you ask, and was their agent at fault?

Agent's role

How does the agent fit into all of this? As an agent, with a fiduciary duty to the buyers, it is necessary to follow the buyers' directions in seeking price reductions or credit for improvements and repairs. Of course we counsel our

Real estate classes start Tuesday

For anyone interested in obtaining a license to sell real estate, or a real estate broker's license, Merritt College is offering a variety of classes starting next Tuesday.

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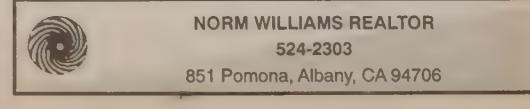
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Wine

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growers. The plan includes a gated, 850-luxury-home community on Ruby Hill clustered around a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course.

It's a multi-faceted approach to land development that aims primarily to protect this historic wine-growing region by putting more acreage into vine growing, thus containing urban sprawl by creating a permanent "Green Belt" between Pleasanton and Livermore.

It is envisioned that the huge-scale development — including a wine museum, three golf courses, four-star restaurants and, of course, the historic wineries — will greatly increase tourism in the Livermore Valley, putting it on a par with its wine-producing neighbors to the north.

As the South Livermore Valley Area Plan's executive summary states, "The ... Plan represents a cutting edge approach to the issues of land use in the Livermore Valley and ensures the survival and enhancement of this century-old wine region."

It also aims to remove some of the uncertainty about future land use, thereby reducing the speculative element in land use decisions.

Prosperous past

Less well-known and well-traveled than the Napa and Sonoma valleys, the Livermore Valley is nonetheless an historic and thriving wine-making region. It's also 10 minutes from Lake Del Valle, where thousands come every year to sail, swim, wind surf and explore the trails; and to ample shopping facilities including Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton and two new shopping centers in Livermore.

First settled as cattle grazing lands for the Mission San Jose (now part of Fremont), it wasn't until the late 1800s that viticulturalists discovered the ideal soil and climatic conditions that would transform the Livermore Valley into one of the nation's premier wine grape producing regions.

The first wine grapes in Alameda County were planted in the Mission San Jose in 1790. Grapes were introduced to the Livermore Valley by Robert Livermore, a cattle rancher, in 1844. In the late 1800s European wine makers started buying land and the area entered a period of great expansion as a wine growing district.

At that point in history, the Livermore Valley grape acreage matched that of Napa and Sonoma counties.

A series of setbacks ended the valley's prosperity: grape surpluses, Prohibition, and a root louse that destroyed vineyards throughout California and Europe brought the valley's wine boom to a premature end. When Prohibition was repealed in 1933, only 12 wineries remained. While family wineries such as the Concannon's and Wente's survived Prohibition

by making sacramental wines, the prestige of the Livermore Valley had diminished considerably. By the late 1960s, viticultural acreage had shrunk to about 1,500 acres and only six wineries remained.

The Wente Bros. legacy

The Livermore Valley's biggest wine producer, Wente Bros., began making wine in the 19th century when C.H. Wente, the son of a north German farmer, emigrated to the United States to seek his fortune. His journey took him across America to the Napa Valley wine cellars of fellow German Charles Krug.

As he learned more about the art of winemaking, Wente decided to start his own vineyard and winery. He was attracted to the Livermore Valley by its coastal climate and gravelly soils and, in 1883, purchased 48 acres of land.

Today, fourth-generation Wentes — siblings Phil, Carolyn and Eric — oversee 2,000 acres of vineyards.

In addition, they have transformed the abandoned Cresta Blanca winery site into Sparkling Cellars where visitors can sample sparkling wines, take a tour of the sandstone aging caves or catch one of the summer Concert Series. (It's remarkable that a Cresta Blanca wine was chosen from 17,000 entries as the Grand Prix winner at the Paris Exhibition of 1889 — the first such achievement for a California wine.)

While country living, and particularly life among the vineyards, has tremendous appeal for many people, there are two key questions prospective Crane Ridge Vineyard owners want to know, says Phil Wente. How viable are 20-acre vineyards? And will 20-acre vineyards be able to operate economically?

In answer to these questions, Wente quotes the California Wine Commission's 1988 report which indicated that the majority of wineries in California crushed less than 100 tons of grapes, the approximate yield from a 20-acre vineyard. While it is not certain how many of these wineries are independently owned and operated, it does suggest that it is possible to make a profit from a small vineyard either by selling grapes to a winery or, on a grander scale, starting a private label.

"There are potentially many types of buyers with different motivations," says Wente. "Not all buyers will want to be involved in the day-to-day management of a vineyard. Some buyers may be interested in growing grapes principally to support a winery, while others are looking for a rural lifestyle among vineyards."

To find out more about Crane Ridge Vineyards, call 447-3603.

Materials and photos provided courtesy of Phil Wente.



In 1883, Carl H. Wente, above right with his family, purchased 48 acres of land in the Livermore Valley and started his wine



The Charles Wetmore Vineyard at the foot of the rolling hills of the Livermore Valley.

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Ashmount owners witness city's spectacular growth

Dennis Evanovsky

The Ashmount Avenue ridge was considered special by Havens; it afforded spectacular views of Oakland and San Francisco and lay close to two of Oakland's early picnic grounds: Lake Merritt's Lakeside Park and Indian Gulch, officially known as Trestle Glen.

Architects A.M. and William E. Millwain designed and built the grand Italian villa on a two-acre lot.

Construction began in 1914 and was completed by 1917. The home remains to this day one of the

in his book, "Oakland: Hub of the West," David Weber says that Oakland "was beginning to embody a new century's industrial optimism."

Today 1017 Ashmount Avenue in Oakland's Crocker Highlands was built by Wickham Havens, major player in the city's real estate development during the 1900s.

The son of Frank Havens, the business partner of Francis "Bo" Smith, Wickham Havens whose name still lives in the East End neighborhood of Havenside learned early the value of land overlooking Oakland. His developments include the neighborhoods known as East End Heights and Lakeshore Islands.

These two projects are separated by Mandana Boulevard, named for Wickham's stepmother, Mandana Rand Havens, the daughter of David Rand, Oakland's second captain of police.

As Mandana Boulevard extends from Lakeshore Avenue to south, its name changes to Crocker Avenue, announcing the entrance to the city of Piedmont, a cross street that marks the edge is Ashmount Avenue.

Once into Piedmont, the early visitor was on the property of E.B. Crocker of San Francisco, owner of the Central Pacific Railroad Company. When developing this area, Havens settled it Crocker Highlands.

grandest in Oakland.

Viewing a contemporary photograph, one sees the villa standing splendidly alone with classic balustrades to the left and right of the approach.

A red brick road encircles the villa, leading to a terrace with an outdoor fireplace.

The foyer is the shape of an octagon. A conservatory which the owners later replaced with a kitchen once stood just off the foyer.

To the left are a living room and a dining room and to the right a family room.

From the foyer, the main stairs lead upstairs to a small, intimate library on an intermediate level.

Five other bedrooms, called "chambers" in the blueprints, a glass sleeping porch, and a master bedroom are located on the second floor.

The master bedroom contains two dressing rooms and a bath. The third floor contains a skylighted playroom and two additional bedrooms.

The villa was built for Dr. Alonzo S. Larkey and his wife, Anne. Alonzo was a homeopathic physician. He was at home as a homeopath in Oakland, which had a history of favoring his view of medicine.



Jeff Lindquist - STAFF

James Toomey, right, stands in front of 1017 Ashmount with his daughter Mary Elizabeth, second right, and grandchildren Will, Colleen, Matt, and Bridget. On the left is Anita Pena, the children's babysitter.

Larkey's practice on Washington Street was one block from Oakland's recently completed City Hall — then the tallest building west of Chicago.

In his book, Oakland: Hub of the West, David Weber says that Oakland "was beginning to embody a new century's industrial optimism."

According to Weber, downtown Oakland bustled as the apex of the ferry, the local interurban steam train, and the electric railway service.

Clay Street thrived as a shopping district boasting Taft and Penoyer, H.C. Capwell's, and two furniture stores: Jackson's and Breuer's. Theaters such as the MacDonough, the Oakland, the Pantages and the Hippodrome provided entertainment.

New buildings graced the view of downtown Oakland that the Larkey family enjoyed from their home. "Steel and concrete towers loomed skyward at virtually every corner," Weber says.

The eight stories of the buildings for the Security Bank and Trust Company and the Oakland

Bank of Savings were no match for the 10 stories on the Realty Syndicate Building or the 11-story Union Savings Bank Building.

The Federal Realty Building (now known as the Cathedral Building) was, Weber says, "the flagship of the fleet of architectural behemoths."

Alonzo Larkey died in 1920, just three years after 1017 Ashmount was completed. Anne lived in the house with her son, Jefferson, until her death in 1949.

Just as the Larkeys were witnesses to the rapid growth of Oakland in the early 20th century, the members of a second family making 1017 Ashmount their home, the Toomeys, were witnesses to Oakland's second building boom that saw the completion of the largest office building in the state on the shore of Lake Merritt.

James Toomey was the chief patent attorney for Kaiser Industries.

In 1954 Kaiser decided to consolidate its activities in a world headquarters in Oakland. Toomey would move his wife and eight children from Washington, D.C.,

into 1017 Ashmount.

This street would also become the home of three other families associated with Kaiser Industries and involved in the consolidation.

On June 28, 1955, Kaiser purchased Holy Names College's seven-acre campus at 20th and Webster streets for a rumored \$2,560,000. With a planned 1,700,000 square feet, the future Kaiser Center would be one of largest in the country.

Construction of the huge concrete "raft" on which the building would float began in May 1956. In March 1958 the superstructure began to rise above Lake Merritt.

"At one point, the building was growing at the incredible pace of a complete floor every four days," Weber says. "A crew of 85 iron workers were credited with placing 12,800 tons of structural steel in only 115 working days."

When it was completed in 1959, the gently curving 28-story aluminum and glass structure boasted office space for 60 affiliated Kaiser companies, a five-level parking garage, a three-acre roof garden, and a variety of shops and

stores.

Through the windows of 1017 Ashmount, Alonzo Larkey had witnessed the building of Oakland's impressive City Hall; the Toomeys watched as Kaiser Center became the largest office building in the west. But the Toomeys could also see a marvel that Dr. Larkey would never have believed.

At almost the same time that work on the Kaiser Center was completed, work began to bring Oakland Airport's runway and terminal into the jet age. Construction of the runway, control tower, and 182,000 square-foot passenger terminal began in 1960.

Just as the Larkeys marveled at the giants arising on the soil of downtown Oakland, so the Toomeys could now marvel at the growth and the spread of that garden that has become the City of Oakland.

Dennis Evanovsky is an associate broker with Realty World — O'Neal and Associates and a freelance writer. You can reach him at 450-0500.

Coldwell Banker purchases Fox & Carskadon

Coldwell Banker Corporation announced Monday the purchase of the Fox & Carskadon residential real estate offices, one of Northern California's largest residential real estate companies.

Last Thursday, Coldwell Banker Corporation issued a statement announcing its agreement in principle to purchase Fox & Carskadon, pending the expira-

tion of the existing prior right of refusal.

The transaction was completed on Saturday, making Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage the largest residential real estate firm in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"It's official ... the deal is done," said Bob Arrigoni, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Their local market

strength, combined with the national support of Coldwell Banker and our network of more than 2,300 offices will form an excellent team," Arrigoni said.

Coldwell Banker was formed in San Francisco in 1906, while the San Francisco Bay Area's Fox & Carskadon was established in 1929. Fox & Carskadon sales associates will be offered similar positions within the new company.

Office and yard sign will be changed within 30 days. The of-

fices in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties will be identified as Coldwell Banker Fox & Carskadon.

Coldwell Banker Corporation operates companies that supply a complete range of residential real estate services including brokerage, franchising, relocation, title and escrow.

It has more than 2,300 offices and now has more than 54,000 sales associates and employees in North America.

Book on retrofits in print again

The non-profit Building Education Center in Berkeley has reprinted its illustrated 80-page homeowner's guide, *Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting: Tools & Techniques*, which sold out last year in the wake of the Northridge earthquake.

The book's photographs lead beginners through the four basic retrofitting projects — bolting, holdowns, shear walls and wall

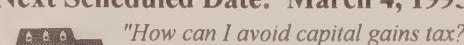
ties — and illustrate the necessary tools and materials.

The center sells *Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting* through bookstores and via mail order for \$9.95 plus tax and shipping (\$13.77 total).

For information on either the book or any of BEC's 50 workshops and seminars, call 525-7610.

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Before taking your case to court, try mediation method

By H.W. Moss

In "Disclosure," the new Michael Douglas/Demi Moore film that uses reverse sexual harassment as its theme, the two sides sit down with a mediator who hears them succinctly and explicitly (some viewers may say rather too explicitly) explain their perception of the incident.

The film is fiction in more ways than one. After all, mediation does not often occur within 48 hours of a controversy.

But even if it takes weeks to get the parties to sit down with an impartial mediator in a non-adversarial environment, the beneficial results can be nothing short of miraculous.

And if it doesn't work, in no case do the parties who mediate forfeit their legal rights to arbitrate or litigate in the future.

Few doubt that we live in a litigious society. People with a dispute, especially one involving money, have the option of suing one another and they often do.

But the good news is there are

ways to avoid going to court.

Before invoking a judicial remedy, real estate professionals and their clients are well advised to consider both mediation and arbitration which are less costly alternative resolution methods.

Especially since these procedures also have an 80 to 90 percent success rate.

Mediation is voluntary and usually costs considerably less than either arbitration or litigation.

Although there is a fee associated with mediation, because the parties are talking in the first place they can often agree to split that 50-50.

Mediation is not an adversarial situation where one side attempts to sway a jury or convince the mediator of validity of one position over another.

The purpose of mediation is to hear all the parties and make an attempt to understand the other side's point of view.

What is nice about the mediation process is the parties remain in control rather than give up that

power to a former or sitting judge. And it is an informal and flexible process that does not take long. It is also not binding, unlike arbitration.

Arbitration awards are legally enforceable in California.

Arbitration takes place in front of someone capable of rendering a decision which will be binding on both parties.

Arbitrators are often retired trial lawyers or judges and, although a court can vacate or overturn an arbitration decision, they are not inclined to do so.

Arbitration and mediation, then, are not the same thing. And they can be employed to resolve disputes among real estate professionals as well as among members of the public.

Both techniques show up on an Exclusive Authorization and Right to Sell, the listing agreement, and are described in the Real Estate Purchase Contract and Receipt for Deposit, the sales contract, which are published by the California Association of Realtors.

They appear on the sales con-

tract as items number 28 and 29 (CAR form DFL-14).

Although clearly worded, explaining what mediation and arbitration mean to a buyer or seller often takes a few extra minutes of a Realtor's time.

And sometimes the distinctions between the two concepts are not very clear.

Members of most associations of Realtors are required to go to arbitration for monetary disputes arising out of a contract between themselves.

They agree to do this as a function of membership while mediation remains voluntary for members.

Quite the reverse appears at first to be true between buyers and sellers using the CAR sales contract.

That's because arbitration is bilateral, meaning both parties must agree in advance by initialing or signing this clause, while mediation is automatically made a part of the contract unless crossed out or removed in a counter offer.

Only when you realize that

signing the contract which contains the mediation clause is itself a voluntary act, and the arbitration section an additional binding agreement only if initiated by both parties, does this rationale become clear.

There is a formal non-profit organization which sets the standards for arbitration called the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Although there is no formal mediation organization per se, the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS) does set guidelines.

Who are the people chosen to resolve disputes out of court?

There are no licensing requirements to become either a mediator or an arbitrator but it does take a considerable amount of experience.

Mediators are mutually agreed upon between the parties although mediators for the San Francisco Association of Realtors are members of the association's professional standards panel.

Mediators and arbitrators be familiar with the issue, not allowed to advise the to the dispute because that be practicing law.

The parties may be represented during mediation or arbitration, anyone of their choice including friend, attorney or contractor.

Real estate brokers are allowed to have a policy, either the office or personally, or respond during mediation.

They are allowed to represent these concepts to their sales and employees and to give their opinion.

Explaining to a buyer or seller that they can agree in the contract not to sue one another if falls apart is also allowed.

But brokers are not allowed to tell the client what to do, to explain the clauses and terms of the contract to the customer to make the decision.

H.W. Moss is a Real Estate freelance writer.

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5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3, New Showplace! Better Homes, D.C. Hodges 339-8400 \$850,000

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5675 CHELTON DR, Piedmont Pines 4bd/ 3 ba, Level-in Gym Atkinson & Gallinelli, Claire Johnson 530-7118 \$395,000

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4938 STONERIDGE, 3 bedroom Gadsby & Associates, Bob 523-6622 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$355,000

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2849 CHELSEA DR, Pied Pines Custom Contemp, 3/2%, Skylights Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174 \$329,500

5081 PARKRIDGE DR, Nw Listing! Parkridge Estates 3/2, Cape Cod \$329,000 Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

5674 COLTON, Montclair 4/3, Remod Kit/ Ba, Plus In-law Mason McDuffie, Dave Johnson 834-2010/ 273-9808 \$319,500

12675 BROOKPARK RD, Nw Listing! Parkridge Estates 3/2, Move-in \$319,000 Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

5710 MORAGA AVE, Montclair 2/2, Pied Border, 4 Pvt Acres Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 \$319,000

6669 THORNHILL DR, Nt Town But Prvt! 3/2%, Fam Rm, Decks Coldwell Banker, Diane Hymer 339-1174 \$317,500

1338 CLAIROPOINTE, New List! Parkridge Estates 4/2, Cul-de-sac \$312,000 Pacific Union, V. Woodhead 339-6460

5880 CHABOT RD, Rockridge Flats, Walk To BART And Shops JT Ward, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$295,000

5046 PIERPOINT AVE, Oakmore 3/2, Frplc, View, Low Maintenance \$290,000 Mason McDuffie, Patsy Buhler 834-2010

1015 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker 3/1/2, Oak Firs, Sunny, Garden Mason McDuffie, Nancy Lehrkind 428-0900 \$289,000

3801 LAKE SHORE, Major Price Reduction! See To Believe! 3+/2+ \$289,000 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

2188 ANDREWS, New Listing! Montclair 2 bd Tudor, Huge Lot Mason McDuffie, 339-8787 \$269,900

4218 COOLIDGE AVE, 2/2, View, Studio, 2 Fpics, Hdwd Flrs Better Homes, Rachel Baler 339-8400 \$269,500

30 OVERLAKE CT, New Listing! 2+/1+ Secluded Charmer Mason McDuffie, 339-9290 \$259,000

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 Units, 2 Car Garage Gadsby & Associates, Joe 522-8388 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$257,500

3925 14TH AVE, Nw Kit, 2bd, Plus Room, Hdwd Flrs, Very Clean Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 MLS 035624 \$255,000

5150 SHAFTER AVE, Grt Oppn! Rockridge 3/2%, Park-like Grnd Mason McDuffie, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 \$255,000

17 WHITTELE CT, Lg 3+/1/2, 2 Frplcs, New Paint Mason McDuffie, Bill Boze 339-9290 \$250,000

2 EDGEAMENT WAY, Reduced! Oak Hills 4/2%, \$4K Credit Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-4000 \$249,000

59 MELVIN CT, Oakmore 2/2, Single Lvl, Bay Vw, Deck, Quiet Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 839-5846 MLS 035425 \$246,500

5856 CHABOT CT, Charming Starter, Grt Neighborhood, Lvely Grdn JT Ward, Gayle Tantau 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$245,000

5819 PATTON ST, Cute Rockridge Bungalow, Nr Chabot School Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$245,000

4830 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts 3/1, Perfect Cond, 2 Car Grge Mason McDuffie, Nancy Moore 428-0900 \$239,000

4519 DAVENPORT AVE, Redwood Hts 2+/1, Pano Bay View Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099 \$229,000

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1386 HOLMAN RD, Spanish Style, Completely Renovated 4+/2 The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400 \$229,000

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492 STATE# #903, Grand Lake 2/2, Old World Luxury, Charm Mason McDuffie, Adrienne Nash 834-2010/ 763-4060 \$225,000

3948-56 CANON AVE, Crtsmn Style, Grmt Kit, Frp, Creek \$219,000-\$229,000 Mason McDuffie, 339-5759 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4 \$216,000

4518 MATTIS CT, 3/2+, Move-in Cond Fam Rm, Mstr Ste, FDR Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 834-6460 \$219,000

3950 CANON AVE, Glenview Nw Constr, 2/2, Twrnm Style, Creekside Prudential Landark RE, Bob Brunner 287-9999/ 549-8117 \$219,000

3829 PARK BLVD, 3 bedroom Gadsby & Associates, Mille 521-6300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$219,000

4031 HUNTINGTON, Upper High Nw Const, 3/2%, Grt Area/ Buy Mason McDuffie, A. Ng 339-8888/ 869-4238 \$198,000

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5915 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 2/1 Cottage, Priced To Sell! Better Homes, Steven Biasati 339-8400 \$189,500

4231 GILBERT ST, Well-maintained 2bd, Pvt Grdn, Wk Pkd. Ave The GRUBB Co., Linda E. McClain 339-0400 \$189,000

3534 WILSON AVE, Dimond's Best Buyl Sunny 2/2, Frplc Better Homes, Andie Weyl 339-8400 \$189,000

4073 39TH AVE, Laurel 3/2, SF Vw, Good Location/ Price Mason McDuffie, Deonora Pedro 834-2010 \$178,000

2218 TIFFIN, Seller Desperately Bld, Very Pvt Lot, Sun Porch Wells & Bennett, Sandi Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 035131 \$175,000

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8214 NEV AVE, Sunny 2/1 Bungalow, Bay View Mason McDuffie, Jackie Wallace 834-2010/ 869-4956 \$129,000

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1263 QUEENS RD, Romantic 3/1/2 Provincial, Tower Entry Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$275,000

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Emergency

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In case of emergency Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. so that residents and the city can qualify for disaster relief.

"Mostly we just had lots of water," said Captain Bruce Nelson who directed the city's emergency response effort. "There were some intersections blocked. A number of cars stalled, including police cars. Water went into people's basements and garages; a few people had some water come (directly) into their homes."

Public works crews stayed busy into the evening. Cars were pulled out with four-wheel drive vehicles; sandbags were distributed to the residents at the city's corporation yard.

According to Nelson, El Cerrito's topography leads naturally to these kinds of problems in a major storm. Such problems are rare only because there's been so little rain in recent years. By Tuesday morning, most of the water had drained off — headed to the Bay.

"The reason we get all that water backed up is because it's high tide," Nelson said. "The ground's saturated, and there's no place for it to go."

So crews stayed busy, and a number of city employees ended up putting in hours of overtime.

At about 3 p.m. Monday, it became clear that this storm, unlike the showers over the weekend, when no one had to be called in for emergency work, would pose major difficulties. Some employees were called early for shifts; those already on duty were asked to stay late. The police business office stayed open for the public into the evening; clerks stayed on to answer phones, as did several city hall employees. Police

reserve officers were called in; recycling staff members, gone for the day, were called back to help.

It wasn't quite enough, though. Some residents who called for help were told to do the best they could — that no one would be able to come out for several hours.

"When you get a major storm like this and water starts backing up, it's impossible to cover everything," Nelson said. "At some point, we step back and say we can't respond to all of these calls; we need to make ourselves available for extremely hazardous conditions or for life-threatening emergencies."

Though the department did not set up an official Emergency Operating Center to respond to the flooding, city officials met in the public safety conference room to coordinate the response efforts.

By about 10 p.m., the worst was over, and city employees began heading home, better experienced, perhaps, to meet any conditions that arise from the next major storm.

Flood

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The Richmond border was closed until 9 p.m.

"We were running around all night with problems typical in a storm like this," Clemons said, adding that the best advice he can give people is to make sure their basements are secure and stay off the roads.

"If people have basements they should make sure their sump pump is working and they should stay off the streets and don't drive. We've had quite a few



Intense storms closed Colusa Avenue in El Cerrito on Monday.

accidents," he said.

Monday evening was a bit calmer for the crew at the Albany Fire Department, according to Chief Marc McGinn, who said the department received four weather related calls for service.

"Actually it wasn't too bad. On a night like this we would expect 10 calls related to the storm," McGinn said, adding his advice to ward off threat of flooding.

"The biggest thing is to make sure you have your

gutters cleaned and have drainage spouts to the street. If there is no where for the water to go its going to find its way under your house," he said, noting that in a heavy storm rain falls at 50 to 100 gallons a minute.

A warning was also issued for residents whose homes have water heaters in their basement. If the heater becomes submerged and the pilot light extinguished gas lines should be shut off in order to avoid problems with gas leaks.

Audit shows budget surplus

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Finance officer Pat Cabrera announced with no small measure of pride that despite the daunting red line of Albany's budget shortfall, city staff more than capably handled the existing funds.

According to the Annual Financial Report prepared by an independent auditor, Albany took in \$87,000 more in revenue than they anticipated.

In addition, records indicated that during the fiscal year 1993-1994 the city spent \$70,000 less than was expected.

Cabrera cautioned, however, that those figures should not be taken seen as reminiscent of an oasis added revenue.

"This doesn't amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars," she

said. "What I meant to say was that we did better than we expected."

Cabrera added, "It's not terrific from a budgetary perspective but it is gratifying from a department point of view."

The city has endured financial difficulties since the state began taking away tax revenues. In sum, Albany has lost nearly a half million in lost property tax revenues alone.

The mild windfall amounted to a revenue increase of 1.3 percent while the expenditure figure was a .09 percent change.

As a result, the audit reports the city's general financial outlook as "guardedly optimistic."

City Council members applauded the 86 page document, if not for any substantial change in

the budget picture but for the aesthetic quality of the attractive report.

Printed on recycled heavy peach bond, the report prepared by Maze and Associates of Walnut Creek was something of a steal: where an average financial audit of its type can cost \$40,000, Albany contracted with Maze for \$29,894.

Cabrera said she will submit the report for award consideration from two of the most prestigious financial reporting organizations, a move she says can help lend credibility to the city's economic health.

"I am particularly pleased with the statistics section of the report," said Cabrera. "I think this may make us more attractive to small business owners who can look at the report and see how our financial health is."

When it comes time to buy a house, seven out of ten people put a down payment on a newspaper.

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**725 APT. FOR RENT
1 BEDROOMS**

\$630 ENORMOUS, bright 1 bedroom in quiet building near Lake, San Francisco bay, Grand Ave. and Lakeshore shopping. Views of Lake and park, patio, garage. Boden Way near Beacon St. 428-1864.

\$635 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara), 272-9512.

\$635 SUNNY 1+ Victorian. Upper unit, walk-in, hardwoods, skylight. Walk to Lake, BART, bus. Quiet, safe, cul-de-sac. Gas, water, garbage included. Cat okay! 835-9672.

\$640 PIEDMONT AVENUE

Two blocks. Very large. Hardwood floors, roomy kitchen, large bedroom, good storage, laundry, cable ready, storage locker and parking included. 652-7900.

\$640 UPPER Grand Lakeshore, near Piedmont. Balcony, pool, laundry at each floor, gated parking. Fantastic location. Move-in bonus. 465-5648.

\$650 EXCELLENT LOCATION

Grand Lake above MacArthur. Top floor. Light, bright, newly painted. Huge living room, large den, generous closets. Laundry, most utilities. Quiet, secure, owner managed. No pets. 937-8944.

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English Tudor security building, desirable China Hill location. Spectacular top floor corner unit featuring decorative fireplace, high ceilings, hardwoods, separate breakfast room. Tastefully refurbished enhancing original style/design. Parking available. See to appreciate. 482-3372; 547-4020; 832-3434.

\$650-\$675 UPPER Grand. Large, carpeted, dishwasher, disposal. Views, parking, laundry. Patio. Cable ready. 836-1396.

\$650 LANDMARK Art Deco Building. Hardwoods, bay windows, Levolors, decorative fireplace, dining area, gas stove, closets, laundry, elevator, Great location. Easy commute. Cat okay 272-9664.

\$650 LARGE 1 bedroom, wall-to-wall, balcony, A/EK, laundry facility, gated garage. Very quiet. 465-7500, 839-8298.

\$650 NICE 1 Bedroom. Sunny and Bright. Homey 8-pet. Close to Piedmont Ave, Transportation 297-4060.

\$650 ONE bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, balcony, off-street parking, security entrance, off Grand Avenue. Call Michelle 531-7005.

\$650 ONE bedroom condo by Lake, big closet, balcony, pool, parking. Days 835-3333; evenings 530-8706.

\$650 ONE bedroom, 1 bath, with large living room, nice hardwood floors with area rugs, on site laundry facility, off-street parking. 425 Van Dyke Agent (no fee) 763-9901.

\$650 ONE bedroom, sunny upstairs apartment, hardwood floors, view Dimond Park Street parking. 562-2204.

\$650 QUIET building, 1 bedroom, bath, near Lakeshore shop, deck, parking 832-8356.

\$650 ROCKRIDGE garden apartment, bedroom, living room, den, laundry. Includes utilities, family neighborhood, parking. 548-1460.

\$650 SPACIOUS living area with fireplace, huge kitchen, off-street parking, 2 blocks above Lake, 444-8302.

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\$660 LOVELY 1 bedroom, balcony, parking. Quiet. Spacious. Close to Lake, Grand, Transportation 268-1006.

\$665 ROCKRIDGE sunny 1 bedroom with private deck. Parking, laundry, pool, quiet setting. No pets, non-smoking 658-3645.

\$675 LARGE, clean, with living, dining, breakfast room, fireplace, huge garden. Pets okay. Fourplex. 843-7178.

\$675 LOVELY Montclair 1+ bedroom. Quiet, spacious. Gas stove, wall-to-wall carpets, view, deck 531-0923.

\$675 ONE bedroom, sunny, historic building, China Hill area. Laundry, garage, cable 444-2668.

\$675 ROCKRIDGE one bedroom, newly refurbished unit with elarm, garage, laundry, storage, walls to BART/ shop, no pets, nonsmoking. 525-8040.

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\$693 ART DECO Building, Lake Merritt. Security building. High ceilings, oak floors, full kitchen, breakfast nook, large closets, elevator. Utilities included. No pets. Available immediately 510-839-5755.

\$695 DESIRABLE Glenview 1920's charm. Bonus Murphy bed. Security 4-plex. Updated kitchen/bath, bay window. Lots of storage. New shape/ transportation Available January 31 452-1338; 415-986-0267.

\$695 ONE bedroom plus den Security flat. Dishwasher, garage. Water paid. 3617 Shaffer 654-6747; 415-573-0716.

\$695 VERY large, spacious, private, immaculate 1 bedroom, Hardwoods, closets, laundry, garage. Requires deposit 266-0737.

\$700 EXTRA large Spanish-style 1 bedroom Hardwood floors, separate dining, new kitchen, beautiful view. All utilities included 834-6616.

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\$700 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom in-law, quiet neighborhood. fireplace, washer/dryer, cable, storage, shared patio garden. No pets/ smoking. All utilities included. Available immediately 482-2726.

\$710 SUNNY 1 bedroom in fourplex, near Piedmont Ave, in older building, hardwood floors, separate living and dining room, garage available, close to transportation, 465-0323.

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\$725 BAY view, 1 bedroom with garage on quiet cul-de-sac near Oakland Rose Garden. Year lease. 376-2610, evenings; 415-926-6743, week-days.

\$725 CHINA HILL large unit in 5-plex. Hardwoods floors, spacious kitchen, formal dining, Heat/water included. Parking available. 833-9378.

\$725 ONE bedroom, duplex, 3655 Diamond, hardwood floors, fireplace, new to park and transportation. 420-8893.

\$735 GLENVIEW fourplex. Quiet, spacious, sunny, immaculate. Hardwood floors, Levolors, dining room, large kitchen plus own utility room, garage. Yard for gardening. Nice neighbors. 254-7229.

\$750 CLAREMONT condo, sunny 1 bedroom, deck. Security building. Pet okay. Available immediately. 834-9816.

\$750 GRAND LAKE 1 bedroom, beautiful hardwood floors, formal dining room, new kitchen in classic fourplex. Laundry, parking, cat okay. 3624 Grand Avenue near Mandana 428-1864.

**725 APT. FOR RENT
1 BEDROOMS**

\$750 MONTCLAIR Village. Large walk-in closet. References required. No pets. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. 530-9378.

\$750 ROCKRIDGE large sunny upper unit. Classic 1920's triple, built-in, hardwoods, breakfast nook, large yard. Available January 15th 833-5088.

\$750 SUNNY 1 bedroom condo Adams Point with fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, and balcony. Secure parking 444-0276.

\$760 NEAR PIEDMONT, large, sunny, balcony, secure entrance/ parking. Quiet. Sf bus stop. 522-7719.

\$760 SUNNY 1 bedroom, fourplex, formal dining view, oak floors, garage, storage. Vermont St. Available February 1 832-3583

\$765 4525 Edgewood, Glenview 4-plex, walk to shop and bus. Carpeted, quiet, cheerful, bright, sunporch, laundry, garage. Cat okay. 339-9584.

\$765 361 ONE bedroom, large rooms, living room, eat above dining room, kitchen, walk in closet, hardwood floors, fireplace, basement, outside storage. Upper Grand very quiet fourplex. Parkng, outside deck. Call 832-5606. week days 339-0616 other.

\$775 BEST TWO BEDROOM VALUE High on hill near Lake Merritt, garage available 834-9471; 444-0276.

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**726 APT. FOR RENT
2 BEDROOMS**

\$710 MONTCLAIR Village. Large walk-in closet. References required. No pets. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. 524-9831, 635-4410.

\$710 NEAR Piedmont, very clean, parking, laundry. Harbor Bay Realty 523-1166.

\$710 Pt. J.S. deposit 2 bedrooms, hardwood, large kitchen, water/ garbage included 3721 Lincoln Avenue 522-2560.

\$715 HUGO 2 bedroom, new carpet, paint. Laundry, carpet, storage. Quiet, sunny, upper Laurel District near 13 and 580 531-0567

\$720 ATTRACTIVE 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Piedmont Ave district. Secured parking included 420-8943.

\$720 SUNNY 2 bedroom in secured Mediterranean building. Breakfast nook, many closets, by corner, garage, laundry, near Kaiser/ Summit. 444-5580.

\$725 MONTCLAIR Inlaw, 2 bedroom, 1 bath laundry, sun room, view includes utilities 536-0496

\$725 PENTHOUSE 2 bedroom, new construction, 2 master suites, appliances, basement, security entrance, fireplace. 654-5461

\$725 GRAND Lake upscale deluxe, extra spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, parking. 833-2387, 524-3125

\$725 MONTCLAIR Inlaw, 2 bedroom, 1 bath laundry, sun room, view includes utilities 536-0496

\$725 PENTHOUSE 2 bedroom, near Lake, modern great view, secluded, fireplace, deck, laundry. Indoor parking, dishwasher 530-3846 or 444-4405

\$725 CONDO, 2 story, new, construction, 2 master suites, appliances, basement, security entrance, fireplace. 654-5461

\$725 GRAND Lake upscale deluxe, extra spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, parking. 833-2387, 524-3125

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The Name of the Business:

1) Rossman Manor Convalescent Hospital & 2) Guardian Foundation, 1224 Rossman Parkway, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

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This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994.

The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 94-7245

The Name of the Business:

1) Tice Valley Pharmacy & 2) Guardian Foundation, 1808 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 94-7245

The Name of the Business:

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Sharon Lee Bae, 438 Tampico, Walnut Creek, CA 94514.

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Public Notices**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 94-7690
The Name of the Business:
2000 Marketing, 1215 Plumtree Lane,
Concord, CA 94521.

Business is conducted by the following Owner:
Concord Corporation, Concord, California

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 19, 1994.

The Journal January 12, 19, 26, February 2,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 94-7916
The Name of the Business:

Floors, 3501 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, CA

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Ald. 959 Crafton Ave., Berkeley, CA

Business is conducted by an Individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 30, 1994.

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File No. 94-7909
The Name of the Business:

Informatics, 6415 Hazel Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Carolyn Farahmand, 6415 Hazel Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.

Business is conducted by an Individual.

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File No. 94-7699
The Name of the Business:

Packaging, 4500 Discovery Pt., Byron, CA

Business is registered by the following Owners:

Jeffrey Starr, 3168 Swallows Nest Dr., Sacramento, CA 95869.

Business is conducted by a General Partner.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 19, 1994.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 94-7478
The Name of the Business:

Enterprises, 1306 El Cerrito Blvd.,

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Terry Lo Cicero, 1305 El Cerrito Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94549.

Business is conducted by an Individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1994.

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File No. 94-7467
The Name of the Businesses:

Energy and Strength Vitamin Co., 2) Performance Supplies, 2675 Benson Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Howard Santos Jr., 2675 Benson Ct., Martinez, CA 94553.

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File No. 94-7468
The Name of the Business:

My Own Thing Used Shelving & Racks, 1 Industrial Way, Concord, CA 94520.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Robert Bruce Bethke, 2 Sullivan Dr., Moraga, CA 94556.

Business is conducted by an Individual.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 94-7776
The Name of the Business:

220 VILLAGE OAKS DRIVE

P.O. BOX 3269

COVINA, CA 91722

Public Notices

The Name of the Business:
Golden Avenues, 261 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA 94526.

Business is registered by the following Owner:
Ralph M.G. Swaney, 261 Hartz Ave., Danville, CA 94526.

Business is conducted by an Employee/
R.E. Broker.

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File No. 94-7774
The Name of the Business:

Advena Art, 1396 Del Rio Circle B, Concord, CA 94518.

Business is registered by the following Owner:
Scott Armand Arnsdorf, 1396 Del Rio Circle B, Concord, CA 94518.

Business is conducted by an Individual.

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Telephone Number: (818) 967-4302
By: Cris A Klingerman
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Fcl. No. 8706

On Wednesday, February 1, 1995 at 9:00 A.M. of the said day coming the trustee will offer to the public in the Open Way, in the City of Orinda, County of Contra Costa, State of California, Queen Anne Investments, as duly appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Orinda, County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows:

Common Address: 327 S. 23rd Street, Richmond, CA 94802.

Sale will be made without covenant or warranty, except as may be contained in the Deed of Trust, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Oscar W. Merida, Jr. and Dennis J. Merrida as trustees, dated September 30, 1992 and recorded October 5, 1992 as Document No. 92259801 book: 17903 page: 687 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder.

The amount owing on the subject obligation is: Principal \$9,360.18 Interest \$1,618.80 Late Charges \$19.80 Advances \$0; Attorney's Fees \$0; Costs \$1,062.48.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/28/75 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Dated: January 4, 1995
Queen Anne Investments, As Trustee
By: CALIFORNIA TRUST DEEDS, INC., as Agent
1401 Lakeside Dr., Suite #700
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 444-3200
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Vice-President

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S.F. Ass't, 3311 1/2 Lakeside, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Business is registered by the following Owners:

Christopher Lee Blair, 3311 Betty Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 5, 1995.

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File No. 94-7480
The Name of the Business:

Wedell Telecom Consulting Services, 325 B Winslow Street, Crockett, CA 94525.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Stephen Wedell, 325 B Winslow Street, Crockett, CA 94525.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Kreiss Cleaners, 6518 Gladys Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

Ferdinand M. Ercilio, 6518 Gladys Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Kumon English Center, 11100 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Business is registered by the following Owner:

John K. Jackson, 11144 4th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606.

John D. Robertson, 1138 4th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 28, 1994.

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File No. 94-7616
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Grease Cleaners, 6518 Gladys Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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El Cerrito Center, 203 El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

"Blues the Kid's Can Use": Jan. 15, 8 p.m.: Some of the Bay Area's best performers will hold a benefit concert for the nonprofit Model Montessori School. Ashkenaz Music and Dance Cafe, 3049 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-5469 or 525-5054.

Hausmusik: Jan. 14, 8 p.m.: Presents "Twelfth Night, Medieval and Renaissance music for mid-winter." 1501 Washington St., Albany. Call 524-5661.

New Giorgi Concert Hall: Jan. 14: Ivan Rosenblum, piano, Dale Wolford, saxophone; Jan. 15: A Gershwin Concert, Seth Montford, solo piano. All concerts \$7.50 and at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Includes a free glass of wine from Oddbins Winery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4967.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Jan. 14, 8 p.m.: A Tribute to William Grant Still, featuring Helen Dilworth, William Duncan Allen and other members of the National Association of Negro Musicians; Jan. 15, 4 p.m.: The Clavion Quartet with Candace Guirao, violin, Kurt Rohde, viola, Leighton Fong, cello, and Ruth Butterfield, piano. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 549-3864.

Bay Area Puppet Playhouse: Jan. 13, 8 p.m.: Larry Reed's Shadow Play Theatre Company presents traditional Balinese shadow theater. 2353 C. San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-0770.

Black Repertory Group: Jan. 15: "Keeper of the Supreme Decree" by Etha Gray, a play about Martin Luther King, Jr. told "like never before" and a presentation from the New Arts Experience Department runs through Feb. 14. 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley.

BRJCC Cinema: Jan. 15, 2 p.m.: "Miss Rose White," a film about an up-and-coming immigrant's world that is turned around when her sister, a Holocaust survivor, comes to New York. Sponsored by the Older Adult Department. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 848-0237.

Poetry at Cody's: Jan. 18: Kim Addonizio's Monday Night Poetry Workshop reading. 7:30 p.m., \$2, upstairs, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 841-7852.

U.C. Theater: Jan. 17 (Tuesdays through Feb. 13): Shakespeare on Screen. 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6267.

Ashkenaz: Jan. 12: Fenton & the Reggae Angels; Jan. 13: Pele Juju; Jan. 14: African Rhythm Messengers; Jan. 15: Berkeley Model School benefit; Jan. 17: Edessa Power Block; Jan. 18: Aux Cajanas; Jan. 19: Matt Littlemoon. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. CA 94806.

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Berkeley/Albany Midweek Ski Club: Midweek skiers' social club meets first and third Tuesdays. Sharing cuts the cost of club owned Tahoe City ski lodge. Must be over 21. Call 451-1044.

Contra Costa Hills Club: Jan. 15: Alameda Loop, 769-0861; Jan. 19: Knox Miller Park at Pt. Richmond, 234-5222.

Marmot Mountain Works: Jan. 17, 7 p.m.: Massage for Winter Performance. 3049 Adeline St., Berkeley. Call 848-1712.

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Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies: "Inside Out: Expressions from the Heart," a mixed media show by four Bay Area artists opens Jan. 13 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. The exhibit runs through Feb. 16. Call 524-0291.

Hearst Museum of Anthropology: "Back Roads to Far Towns," through April 16. 103 Kroeber Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft. Call 642-3681.

Judah L. Magnes: "Breaking the Mold: Harold Paris' Legacy of Innovation" closes Jan. 22. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 549-6950.

Lawrence Hall of Science: "Insects Up Close" opens Jan. 14 and runs through April 16. Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak, in the Berkeley Hills. Call 642-5132.

Olive Hyde Gallery: The coiled basketry of Berkeley fiber artist Kathleen Peelen Krebs will be on exhibit at 123 Washington Blvd., Fremont, through Feb. 12. Call 791-4357.

Richmond Art Center: "Game Board IV" by Nancy Selvin on exhibit in the Courtyard; Tomas Nakada, "Recent Work" and Robert Ortbal, "As Above, So Below" in the Gallery. Runs through March 19. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Call 620-6772.

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World Institute on Disability: Exhibit of artwork by Steve Potter runs through Feb. 23. 510 16th St., suite 100 (between Telegraph and San Pablo.)

Support Groups and Self-Help

Albany Home Schooling Support Group: forming. Call Dick and Pattee Ottstad at 524-4063.

Albany Special Education Parent Support Group: monthly meetings. 524-9753 or 525-8135 for information.

Alzheimer's Association: offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call 800-942-1333.

Alzheimer's Support Group: at Doctor's Hospital the second Friday of every month at noon. 2151 Appian Way, Pinole. 724-5040. Asthma Support Group meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. 741-2442.

ASA-AMI: American Schizophrenia Association-Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Monthly family support meeting Jan. 11, 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Claremont Branch library, Ashby and Benvenue, Berkeley. Call 841-8361.

Anxiety and Phobic support group: meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1963 Carlson Blvd., Richmond. Call 233-5543.

Autism Society of America, North Alameda County Chapter meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month, 3-5 p.m. Call 658-1249 or 521-3973

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